

***The Corporation of the Township of Plummer Additional and
The Corporation of the Town of Bruce Mines***

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Minutes – October 22, 2025

Joint Council Meeting – Township of Plummer Additional and Town of Bruce Mines

Bruce Station Hall 7:00 pm

Present:

Plummer Township: Mayor – Beth West; Councillors – Keith Hoback, Mike Jones, Boris Koehler, Kelly Warwick; Staff – Liisa Cotnam, Line Webster

Bruce Mines Council: Mayor – Lory Patteri; Councillors – Mariola Morin (left 7:12 p.m.), Jody Orto (left 7:12 p.m.), Shane Rock, Jamie Stopes; Staff – Judy Davis, June Spellman

Guests: Lois Hart, Jim McCulloch, William Jordan

1. ADDENDUM TO THE AGENDA

2. DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTERESTS declared by Mariola Morin as spouse to the Fire Chief and Jody Orto as a volunteer firefighter on the Bruce Mines Fire Department.

3. APPROVAL OF AGENDA

2025-196 Moved: Keith Hoback Seconded: Boris Koehler

BE IT RESOLVED THAT the agenda is approved, as presented. **CARRIED**

4. HEALTH CENTRE

a) General discussion, budget considerations for 2026, questions/concerns
Clarification received on rental agreements with tenants and replacement of HVAC system earlier in the year.

5. LIBRARY

b) General discussion, questions/concerns
Clarification on internet and changes to interlibrary loans.

6. PUBLIC PRESENTATIONS/DELEGATION

a) Randy Morin, Fire Chief – Bruce Mines Fire Department
Chief Morin presented council with a report that outlined deficiencies in the fire hall and equipment. The fire hall is too small for current and future needs, lacks shower facilities, has a leaking roof, and poses health issues (ventilation, bunker gear off-gassing, mould).

A new pumper truck is needed. The Self Contained Breathing Apparatus (SCBA) equipment is discontinued and almost obsolete and needs to be replaced.

The estimates provided for these items is ~\$500,000 for fire hall renovations, ~\$850,000 for a new pumper truck and ~\$270,000 for new SCBA gear.

Currently there is \$78,000 in reserve funds. The current contribution of \$5,000 from each municipality is insufficient to meet demands.

7. BRUCE MINES FIRE DEPARTMENT

a) Opening remarks – Bruce Mines

Bruce Mines Mayor led with comments on the present and future needs of the fire department and the lack of funds to meet those needs.

b) Discussion and question/answer

Plummer Township Council asked Bruce Mines Council if it was interested in considering joint ownership of the fire department. Bruce Mines Council unanimously agreed that it was not interested in joint ownership with Plummer Township. Plummer Township presented arguments in favour of joint ownership. Bruce Mines wished to maintain the status quo.

8. ADJOURNMENT

2025-197 Moved: Mike Jones Seconded: Keith Hoback
BE IT RESOLVED THAT this meeting be adjourned at 8:17p.m. **CARRIED**



Mayor: Beth West

Clerk: Liisa Cotnam