

The Corporation of the Township of Plummer Additional

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Minutes – May 20, 2026

Regular Council Meeting

Municipal Council Chambers 6:00 pm

Present: Mayor – Beth West; Councillors – Keith Hoback, Mike Jones, Boris Koehler; Staff – Liisa Cotnam, Line Webster.

Regrets: Councillor – Kelly Warwick

Committee of Adjustment meeting called to order at 5:56 p.m.

COA COMMITTEE OF ADJUSTMENT/PLANNING MEETING

1. Amend By-law 2012-35 to provide for Additional Building Units

2026-03 Moved: Keith Hoback Seconded: Mike Jones

WHEREAS the Provincial Planning Statement 2024 requires planning authorities to provide an appropriate range and mix of housing options and densities to meet the projected needs of current and future residents;

AND WHEREAS The More Homes Built Faster Act, 2022, brought amendments to the Planning Act that restricts municipalities from having official plan policies that prohibit the use of additional dwelling units;

AND WHEREAS the Committee of Adjustment for the Township of Plummer Addition deems it desirable to allow for additional dwelling units in the Township;

BE IT RESOLVED THAT this Council approves the official plan amendment to provide for additional dwelling units as described in by-law 2025-02. **CARRIED**

2. Adjournment

2026-04 Moved: Keith Hoback Seconded: Boris Koehler

BE IT RESOLVED THAT this Council adjourns the Committee of Adjustment meeting at 6:08 p.m. **CARRIED**

2026-71 Moved: Boris Koehler Seconded: Mike Jones

BE IT RESOLVED THAT this Council gives three readings and approves the Official Plan Amendment By-law 2026-21. **CARRIED**

Meeting called to order at 6:09 p.m.

1. **ADDENDUM TO THE AGENDA**
2. **DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTERESTS** none declared
3. **ADOPTION OF MINUTES OF PREVIOUS COUNCIL MEETINGS**
 - a) April 15, 2026, Regular Meeting Minutes
 - b) April 28, 2026, Special Meeting Minutes
 - c) May 4, 2026, Special Meeting Minutes

2026-72 Moved: Mike Jones Seconded: Keith Hoback

BE IT RESOLVED THAT this Council accepts the regular meeting minutes of April 15, 2026, and the special meeting minutes of April 28, 2026 and May 4, 2026, as presented.

CARRIED

4. **CONSENT AGENDA**
 1. Roads Report
 2. General Expenditures February 1-28, 2026
 3. Income Statements as of February 28, 2026 (General and Cemetery)
 4. Building Permit Report
 5. Tri-Neighbours meeting minutes 2026 04 08
 6. Library Meeting Minutes 2026 04 15
 7. Board of Health Meeting Minutes 2026 02 25
 8. Health Centre Financials to May 8, 2026

2026-73 Moved: Mike Jones Seconded: Boris Koehler

BE IT RESOLVED THAT all items listed under the heading of Consent Agenda for the Township of Plummer Additional Council Meeting dated May 20, 2026, be adopted as presented, with the exceptions of items 1 and 4 to be held for discussion. **CARRIED**

MUNICIPAL STAFF REPORTS:

5. **CLERK/TREASURER/TAX COLLECTOR (L. Webster/L. Cotnam)**
 - a) Booth Bridge – Height Restriction – L. Webster Report 2026-05-20-01

2026-74 Moved: Keith Hoback Seconded: Mike Jones

BE IT RESOLVED that this Council approves the implementation of a height restriction on Booth Bridge, including the installation of appropriate signage and physical deterrents, in order to preserve the structural integrity and remaining service life of the bridge. **DEFER**

- b) Bruce Station Storm Drainage – L. Webster Report 2026-05-20-02

2026-75 Moved: Boris Koehler Seconded: Keith Hoback

BE IT RESOLVED THAT this Council authorizes staff to issue a Request for Quotation (RFQ) for engineering services to assess and provide design recommendations for storm drainage repairs in Bruce Station. **CARRIED**

- c) Social Media Policy – L. Cotnam Report 2026-05-20-03

2026-76 Moved: Boris Koehler Seconded: Mike Jones

BE IT RESOLVED THAT this Council rejects the draft Social Media Policy and directs staff to remove all commenting abilities on the municipal Facebook page. **CARRIED**

COMMITTEE REPORTS:

6. NEW BUSINESS

- a) FONOM Membership

2026-77 Moved: Boris Koehler Seconded: Keith Hoback

BE IT RESOLVED THAT this Council receives the letter of membership from FONOM and agrees to become a member of FONOM at the cost of \$176.40 for annual dues. **CARRIED**

- b) Central Algoma Land Trust Sponsorship Request

2026-78 Moved: Mike Jones Seconded: Beth West

BE IT RESOLVED THAT this Council receives the letter of sponsorship request from the Central Algoma Land Trust and declines to sponsor the Central Algoma Land Trust at this time. **CARRIED**

- c) Trefry Centre Funding Request

2026-79 Moved: Keith Hoback Seconded: Mike Jones

BE IT RESOLVED THAT this Council receives the letter of request from the Trefry Memorial Centre and declines to provide additional financial support at this time. **CARRIED**

- d) APH Request for Funding

2026-80 Moved: Mike Jones Seconded: Boris Koehler

BE IT RESOLVED THAT this Council receives the letter of request from Algoma Public Health regarding their Planet Youth project and declines to provide a financial contribution at this time. **CARRIED**

7. CLOSED

2026-81 Moved: Mike Jones Seconded: Beth West

BE IT RESOLVED THAT this Council proceeds into closed session at 7:09 p.m. to consider the following subject matter in accordance with the Municipal Act S.239 (2):

- a) (b) personal matters about an identifiable individual, including municipal or local board employees; **CARRIED**

- b) Adjournment

2026-82 Moved: Keith Hoback Seconded: Boris Koehler

BE IT RESOLVED THAT this Council adjourns the closed session and returns to open meeting at 7:11 p.m. **CARRIED**

- c) Closed Meeting Minutes

2026-83 Moved: Boris Koehler Seconded: Mike Jones

BE IT RESOLVED THAT this Council accepts the closed meeting minutes from March 18, 2026, as presented. **CARRIED**

8. BY-LAWS/CONFIRMATION BY-LAW

2026-84 Moved: Mike Jones Seconded: Keith Hoback

BE IT RESOLVED THAT this Council gives three readings and approves the following by-laws:

- a) Appointment CBO By-law – repeals by-law 2025-33 – By-law 2026-22
- b) Grass cutting contract – By-law 2026-23
- c) Employment Agreement, K. Lavergne – By-law 2026-24
- d) Confirmation By-Law - By-Law 2026-25

CARRIED

9. ADJOURNMENT

2026-85 Moved: Boris Koehler Seconded: Keith Hoback

BE IT RESOLVED THAT this Council adjourns the Meeting at 7:12 p.m. to meet again on June 17th, 2026 for the next regular meeting, or at the call of the Mayor. **CARRIED**



Mayor: Beth West



Clerk: Liisa Cotnam