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**The Corporation of the
TOWNSHIP OF BALDWIN**

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**TOWNSHIP OF BALDWIN
Regular Meeting of Council - MINUTES**

DATE: April 13th, 2026
TIME: 5:00 pm
PLACE: Baldwin Township Municipal Hall

CALL TO ORDER & NOTE MEMBERS PRESENT

The meeting was called to order by the Mayor at 5:00 p.m.

Council members present:

Mayor Vern Gorham
Deputy Mayor Jason Cote
Councilor Bert McDowell
Councilor Marc Lepine
Councilor Ray Maltais

Staff present:

Clerk Holly Zahorodny

Regrets:

NONE

Declaration of Pecuniary Interest and the General Nature Thereof:

Vern Gorham – Section 5.2, 5.3, 5.4, 6.a.iii.1.

MEETING OPEN

Resolution # 26-054

Moved by: B. McDowell

Second by: M. Lepine

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT: The April 13th, 2026 Council meeting is now open at 5:00 p.m.

CARRIED

AGENDA**Resolution # 26-055**

Moved by: R. Maltais

Seconded by: M. Lepine

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT: The council accepts the April 13th, 2026 agenda as presented, section 3.

CARRIED

COUNCIL MINUTES**Resolution #26-056**

Moved by: B. McDowell

Second by: M. Lepine

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT: The council accepts the meeting minutes as presented, section 4.

CARRIED

DELEGATIONS

- 1) Kyra Knapp – KLB Consulting Lacloche Foothills Region Economic Diversification Strategy

Resolution #26-057

Moved by: M. Lepine

Second by: J. Cote

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT: Council endorse the 2026-2031 Lacloche Foothills Economic Diversification Strategy as presented.

CARRIED

REPORTS**Resolution #26-058**

Moved by: B. McDowell

Second by: M. Lepine

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT: The Council accepts the April 13th, 2026 Reports as presented in section 6.

CARRIED

CORRESPONDENCE

Resolution # 26-059

Moved by: R. Maltais

Second by: M. Lepine

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT: The council accepts the correspondence as presented, section 7.

CARRIED

STATEMENT OF ACCOUNTS

Resolution # 26-060

Moved by: M. Lepine

Second by: J. Cote

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT: The council accepts the April 13th, 2026 Statement of Accounts as presented, section 8.

CARRIED

RESOLUTIONS

Resolution # 26-061

Moved by: J. Cote

Second by: M. Lepine

WHEREAS the Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) provide policing services to both organized municipalities and unorganized territories across the Province of Ontario;

AND WHEREAS organized municipalities receiving OPP policing services are billed under the OPP Municipal Policing Billing Model, which includes a base service cost and additional costs related to calls for service;

AND WHEREAS unorganized townships and territories contribute to policing costs through provincial taxation mechanisms and pay only a base rate while receiving OPP policing services;

AND WHEREAS residents of unorganized territories receive comparable OPP policing services to those provided in organized municipalities;

AND WHEREAS recent increases in OPP policing costs have placed a growing and disproportionate financial burden on organized municipalities and their taxpayers;

AND WHEREAS municipalities have limited revenue tools and must rely primarily on property taxation to fund essential services such as policing;

AND WHEREAS the current funding structure creates an inequitable situation in which organized municipalities are required to subsidize a larger share of policing costs while similar services are provided in unorganized territories at a significantly lower contribution level;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Baldwin calls upon the Province of Ontario to conduct an immediate review of the OPP Municipal Policing Billing Model and the policing funding structure for unorganized territories

CARRIED

BY-LAWS

Resolution # 26-062

Moved by: M. Lepine

Second by: B. McDowell

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT: By-law 2026-004 for the adoption of tax rates and to further provide for penalty and interest in default of payment thereof for 2026 be accepted and come into full effect on this 13th day of April, 2026.

CARRIED

Resolution # 26-063

Moved by: B. McDowell

Second by: M. Lepine

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT: By-law 2026-005 for establishing tax ratios for 2026 be accepted and come into full effect on this 13th day of April, 2026.

CARRIED

Resolution # 26-064

Moved by: M. Lepine

Second by: J. Cote

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT: By-law 2026-006 Housekeeping Zoning By-law Amendments to by-law 2021-P-001 be accepted and come into full effect on this 13th day of April, 2026.

CARRIED

OTHER BUSINESS

Resolution # 26-065

Moved by: M. Lepine

Second by: J. Cote

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT: Council directs the Clerk to move forward with the approved quote provided by Tulloch.

CARRIED

CLOSED SESSION

NONE

MEETING CLOSED

Resolution # 26-066

Moved by: M. Lepine

Second by: J. Cote

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT: The April 13th, 2026 Council meeting is now adjourned at 6:50pm.

CARRIED

Mayor

Clerk