



THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF PAPINEAU-CAMERON

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THE REGULAR MEETING

**OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF PAPINEAU-CAMERON
WAS HELD ON**

May 12, 2026 AT 6:00 PM

- COUNCIL PRESENT:** Mayor Robert Corriveau, Deputy Mayor Shelley Belanger, Councillor Keith Dillabough, Councillor Jason Bélanger, and Councillor Mélanie Chenier
- COUNCIL ABSENT:** None
- STAFF PRESENT:** Jason McMartin – CAO/Clerk-Treasurer, Scott Bangs – Road Superintendent, Neil O’Grady – Fire Chief and Mariel Labreche – Deputy Fire Chief
- GUESTS PRESENT:** 1

The meeting was called to order at 6:07 p.m. by Mayor Robert Corriveau

DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY/CONFLICT OF INTEREST -None

- PRESENTATIONS** - None
- ROAD DEPARTMENT REPORT** - Verbal Report by the Road Superintendent
- FIRE DEPARTMENT REPORT** - Verbal Report by the Fire Chief
- HEALTH & SAFETY REPORT** - Written Report by the Health & Safety Rep.
- CHIEF BUILDING OFFICIAL REPORT** - Written Report by the Chief Building Official
- PETITIONS AND DELEGATIONS** - None

RESOLUTION 2026-124 CHANGES TO THE AGENDA

THAT a closed in camera meeting session will take place at the end of the regular meeting.
Moved By: Councillor Mélanie Chenier **Seconded By:** Councillor Shelley Belanger **Carried**

RESOLUTION 2026-125 MINUTES

THAT the minutes of the Regular Meeting of April 28, 2026 be adopted as circulated.
Moved By: Councillor Jason Bélanger **Seconded By:** Councillor Keith Dillabough **Carried**

RESOLUTION 2026-126 MINUTES

THAT the minutes of the Closed Meeting of April 28, 2026 be adopted as circulated.
Moved By: Councillor Keith Dillabough **Seconded By:** Councillor Jason Bélanger **Carried**

RESOLUTION 2026-127 DISBURSEMENTS

THAT the disbursements to May 12, 2026 be approved in the amount of \$ 180,304.33

General Department	\$ 114,486.04
Roads Department	\$ 16,068.49
Fire Department	\$ 18,148.23
Payroll	\$ 31,601.57
TOTAL	\$ 180,304.33

Moved By: Councillor Mélanie Chenier **Seconded By:** Councillor Shelley Belanger **Carried**

RESOLUTION 2026-128 VOLUNTEER FIREFIGHTER APPLICATION

WHEREAS the Volunteer Fire Chief has recommended to have Leah Belanger join the Papineau-Cameron Fire Department as a Volunteer Firefighter;

THAT Council is in agreement to have Leah Belanger join the Papineau-Cameron Fire Department as a Volunteer Firefighter.

Moved By: Councillor Keith Dillabough **Seconded By:** Councillor Mélanie Chenier **Carried**

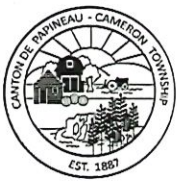
RESOLUTION 2026-129 BY-LAW 2026-15

THAT By-Law 2026-15, being a By-Law to provide for the adoption of tax rates and to further provide for penalty and interest in default of payment thereof for year 2026, be read a First, Second and Third time, enacted and passed before an open Council, this 12 day of May, 2026.

Moved By: Councillor Jason Bélanger **Seconded By:** Councillor Keith Dillabough **Carried**

RESOLUTION 2026-130 BY-LAW 2026-14

THAT By-Law 2026-14, being a By-Law to set tax ratios for municipal purposes for the year 2026, be read a First, Second and Third time, enacted and passed before an open Council this 12 day of May, 2026.



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Moved By: Councillor Shelley Belanger **Seconded By:** Councillor Mélanie Chenier **Carried**

RESOLUTION 2026-131 **CORRESPONDENCE**

THAT the correspondence to May 12, 2026 be received.

Moved By: Councillor Shelley Belanger **Seconded By:** Councillor Mélanie Chenier **Carried**

RESOLUTION 2026-132 **STORM DAMAGE & WILDFIRE RISK**

WHEREAS on June 21, 2025, a severe storm event caused significant forest damage within the Township of Papineau-Cameron;

AND WHEREAS field observations conducted in early 2026 have identified areas of concentrated windthrow damage particularly along the Highway 17 corridor by boundary road, and extending southward through private and crown land for about two kilometres towards Sturgeon Lake Road;

AND WHEREAS in the most affected areas, a substantial portion of the forest cover has been lost or significantly damaged, with many remaining trees broken, or structurally compromised;

AND WHEREAS this damage exists on both public lands, including Samuel de Champlain Provincial Park, and adjacent private lands and crown lands;

AND WHEREAS additional forest stress and mortality related to spruce budworm is present within the same area;

AND WHEREAS the combination of downed timber, damaged standing trees, and pre-existing deadwood may result in elevated fuel loading in certain locations;

AND WHEREAS some of the most affected areas may present challenges for ground access due to the density and arrangement of fallen trees;

AND WHEREAS wildfire risk, if present, would not be confined by property boundaries, could spread quickly to adjacent areas and may have implications for adjacent public lands, critical infrastructure, and overall community safety;

AND WHEREAS the Township of Papineau-Cameron relies on a volunteer fire department and has limited capacity to respond to large-scale wildland fire event;

NOW THEREFOR BE IT RESOLVED THAT:

1. Council respectfully requests that the Ontario Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry, review the storm-affected areas within and surrounding the Township of Papineau-Cameron and consider conducting a wildfire risk assessment, including how current conditions may influence fire behavior and suppression challenges across the region;
2. Council further requests that the Office of the Fire Marshal of Ontario review the situation from a public safety and community risk perspective, and provide any available guidance to the Township of Papineau-Cameron and the Papineau-Cameron Volunteer Fire Chief;
3. THAT this request is not limited to any single property type, but is intended to better understand area-wide conditions and potential cross-boundary risk affecting public lands, private lands, crown lands and nearby infrastructure;
4. THAT Council requests any available recommendations, guidance, or identification of next steps that may assist the Township in preparedness planning;

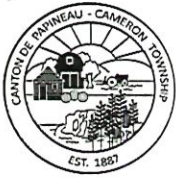
THAT this resolution be circulated to The Ministry of Natural Resources and Forestry (regional office), The Office of the Fire Marshal of Ontario; The Hon. Jill Dunlop of Minister of Emergency Preparedness and Response, MPP The Hon. Victor Fedeli, and the Townships of Bonfield, Calvin, Mattawan, East Ferris, and the Town of Mattawa.

Moved By: Councillor Shelley Belanger **Seconded By:** Councillor Keith Dillabough **Carried**

RESOLUTION 2026-133 **2026 GRADUATION BURSARIES**

THAT Council is in agreement to issue the following 2026 Graduating Bursaries:

École Ste. Anne Elementary	\$25.00
St. Victor's Elementary	\$25.00
Mattawa Public Elementary	\$25.00
F.J. McElligott Secondary	\$200.00
E.S.C. Elizabeth Bruyere	\$200.00



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Moved By: Councillor Keith Dillabough **Seconded By:** Councillor Jason Bélanger **Carried**

RESOLUTION 2026-134 **STE-ANNE'S CEMETERY DONATION**

THAT Council is in agreement to donate one load of gravel, one load of pave grindings, backhoe spreading to the Ste-Anne's Cemetery.

Moved By: Councillor Shelley Belanger **Seconded By:** Councillor Mélanie Chenier **Carried**

RESOLUTION 2026-135 **CLOSED MEETING**

THAT Closed Meeting be held under Section 239 (2) (d) (e) of the Municipal Act as amended at 7:00 p.m.

Moved By: Councillor Mélanie Chenier **Seconded By:** Councillor Shelley Belanger **Carried**

RESOLUTION 2026-136 **REGULAR MEETING**

THAT the Regular Meeting resume at 8:00 p.m.

Moved By: Councillor Jason Bélanger **Seconded By:** Councillor Keith Dillabough **Carried**

RESOLUTION 2026-137 **ADJOURN**

THAT the Regular Meeting adjourns at: 8:02 p.m.

Moved By: Councillor Shelley Belanger **Seconded By:** Councillor Mélanie Chenier **Carried**

PAPINEAU-CAMERON TOWNSHIP



MAYOR



CAO/CLERK-TREASURER