



MINUTES

Council Meeting

4:30 PM - Thursday, February 12, 2026
Municipal Office

The Council of the Municipality of Brooke-Alvinston was called to order on Thursday, February 12, 2026, at 4:30 PM, in the Municipal Office, with the following members present:

Council Present: Mayor David Ferguson, Deputy Mayor Frank Nemcek, Councillor Don McCabe, and Councillor Jenny Redick

Staff Present: Clerk Administrator Janet Denkers, Treasurer Stephen Ikert, Public Works Superintendent Jamie Butler, Parks & Recreation Manager Greg Thornicroft, and Fire Chief Steve Knight

Regrets: Councillor Sanders

1 CALL TO ORDER

The Mayor called the meeting to order at 4:30 p.m.

2 DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY INTEREST

The Mayor requested that any pecuniary interests be declared when appropriate during the meeting.

3 MINUTES

a) Regular Council Meeting Minutes of January 22, 2026

RESOLUTION-2026-039

Deputy Mayor Frank Nemcek made a motion that the minutes of the January 22, 2026 regular Council meeting be approved as presented without error or omission. Councillor Jenny Redick seconded the motion.

Carried

b) Special Council Meeting Minutes of February 5, 2026

RESOLUTION-2026-040

Councillor Jenny Redick made a motion that the minutes of the February 5, 2026 special Council meeting be approved as presented without error or omission. Councillor Don McCabe seconded the motion.

Carried

4 BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

5 DELEGATIONS & TIMED EVENTS

6 CORRESPONDENCE

a) Municipal Correspondence

RESOLUTION-2026-041

Deputy Mayor Frank Nemcek made a motion that the circulated correspondence be received and filed. Councillor Jenny Redick seconded the motion.

Carried

- b) Town of Fort Frances - OACAP

RESOLUTION-2026-042

Councillor Jenny Redick made a motion that the request for support from the Town of Fort Frances be received and filed. Deputy Mayor Frank Nemcek seconded the motion.

Carried

- c) North Grenville O.P.P.

RESOLUTION-2026-043

Councillor Don McCabe made a motion that the Council of the Municipality of Brooke-Alvinston supports the request from the North Grenville O.P.P. to call on the Province of Ontario to provide municipalities with the necessary funding tools, legislative support, and implementation guidance to advance school bus stop-arm camera systems and complementary child-safety initiatives across Ontario. Councillor Jenny Redick seconded the motion.

Carried

- d) Municipality of Markstay Warren - Closure of LifeLabs Laboratory

RESOLUTION-2026-044

Councillor Jenny Redick made a motion that the request from the Municipality of Markstay Warren be received and filed. Deputy Mayor Frank Nemcek seconded the motion.

Carried

- e) County of Prince Edward - Protect our Food Act, 2025

RESOLUTION-2026-045

Councillor Don McCabe made a motion that the Municipality of Brooke-Alvinston supports Bill 21, Protect Our Food Act, 2025 and supports the request from Prince Edward County to urge the provincial government to support this and every measure to protect our farmland, to aggressively prevent further losses and to ensure the future of agriculture in Ontario for future generations. Councillor Jenny Redick seconded the motion.

Carried

- f) Watford-Alvinston Road Race - Sponsorship Request

RESOLUTION-2026-046

Deputy Mayor Frank Nemcek made a motion that the Council of the Municipality of Brooke-Alvinston support the Road Race with a Bronze sponsorship in the amount of \$150.00. Councillor Jenny Redick seconded the motion.

Carried

7 STAFF REPORTS

- a) **Treasurer's Report:** 2026 Draft Budget Approval

RESOLUTION-2026-047

Councillor Jenny Redick made a motion that Council approve the adjusted 2026 Draft Budgets for:

1. Operating and Capital - General Taxation (\$101,000 in capital expenditures eliminated/deferred with \$60,000 savings added back to Reserves and \$41,000 (net \$38,000) used to reduce the tax rate);
2. Operating and Capital - Alvinston Wastewater System (no adjustments);

3. Operating and Capital - Inwood Wastewater System (no adjustments);
and
 4. Operating and Capital - Water System (no adjustments);
including the related Budgeted Reserves and Reserve Fund
Contributions/withdrawals that were presented at the February 5, 2026 Special
Council Meeting.
- Deputy Mayor Frank Nemcek seconded the motion.

Carried

- b) **Treasurer's Report:** Accounts Payable Listing - January 2026

RESOLUTION-2026-048

Councillor Jenny Redick made a motion that Council receive and file the
Accounts Payable Listing for January 2026. Councillor Don McCabe seconded
the motion.

Carried

- c) **Drainage Superintendent's Report:** Government Drain No. 1

RESOLUTION-2026-049

Councillor Don McCabe made a motion that the Council of the Municipality of
Brooke-Alvinston appoint R. Dobbin Engineering under section 78 of the
Drainage Act. Councillor Jenny Redick seconded the motion.

Carried

- d) **Public Works Superintendent's Report:** Lambton County Roads
Supervisors Association Truck Rodeo

RESOLUTION-2026-050

Deputy Mayor Frank Nemcek made a motion that Council wave the rental fee
of \$465 for the Lambton County 2026 Truck Rodeo to be held June 9, 2026 at
the BAICCC. Councillor Jenny Redick seconded the motion.

Carried

- e) **Clerk Administrator's Report:** Request for a Special Occasion Permit -
Maple Syrup Festival

RESOLUTION-2026-051

Councillor Jenny Redick made a motion that the Council of the Municipality of
Brooke-Alvinston declares the 2026 A.W. Campbell Maple Syrup Festival being
held March 21, 2026 as an event of municipal significance and acknowledges
that the SCRCA will be applying for a Special Occasion Permit (SOP) for the
AW Campbell Conservation Area at 8477 Shiloh Line.

Councillor Don McCabe seconded the motion.

Carried

- f) **Fire Chief's Report:** Changes to the Fire Department Establishing and
Regulating By-law

Councillor McCabe declared a Conflict of Interest as his brother is a member of
Brooke Fire Rescue.

RESOLUTION-2026-052

Councillor Jenny Redick made a motion that Council approve the submitted
administrative changes to the Fire Department Establishing and Regulating By-
law. Deputy Mayor Frank Nemcek seconded the motion.

Carried

- g) **Fire Chief's Report:** Report on Brooke Fire Rescue responses to Alarm calls
in 2025

RESOLUTION-2026-053

Councillor Jenny Redick made a motion that the report be received for information; and that staff bring back a report on a tiered system of alarm calls including options for implementation. Deputy Mayor Frank Nemcek seconded the motion.

Carried

- h) **Clerk Administrator's Report:** Submission of Grant Applications

RESOLUTION-2026-054

Councillor Don McCabe made a motion that staff be directed to make application to the Judith & Norman Alix Foundation for the Alvinston Arena Floor Project. Councillor Jenny Redick seconded the motion.

Carried

- i) **Clerk Administrator's Report:** 2026 Municipal Election Update

RESOLUTION-2026-055

Councillor Jenny Redick made a motion that the 2026 Municipal Election Update be received and filed. Deputy Mayor Frank Nemcek seconded the motion.

Carried

- j) **Clerk Administrator's Report:** Christmas Street Light Decorations

RESOLUTION-2026-056

Councillor Jenny Redick made a motion that 12 decorative lights for lampposts be purchased and staff be directed to find appropriate sponsors or funds accordingly; and that the 12 lights be dedicated to 8 - River Street and 4 to Inwood Road. Deputy Mayor Frank Nemcek seconded the motion.

Carried

8 BY-LAWS

- a) By-law 11 of 2026 - Drain Maintenance

RESOLUTION-2026-057

Councillor Jenny Redick made a motion that By-law 11 of 2026 be read a first, second and third time and finally passed this 12th day of February, 2026 Councillor Don McCabe seconded the motion.

Carried

9 NEW BUSINESS

- a) Staff were directed to request enrollment information from the minor sports organizations to determine out of residency players.
- b) The Parks and Recreation Supervisor reported to Council that the condenser repairs have been completed.
- c) Councillor McCabe noted he attended a SCRCA meeting where the process of combining 36 Conservation Authority's into 7 was discussed.

10 CLOSED SESSION

11 RISE AND REPORT

12 BY-LAW CONFIRMING PROCEEDINGS

- a) By-law 12 of 2026 - Confirming By-law

RESOLUTION-2026-058

Councillor Jenny Redick made a motion that By-law 12 of 2026 be read a first, second and third time and finally passed this 12th day of February, 2026.
Councillor Don McCabe seconded the motion.

Carried

13 ADJOURNMENT

Councillor Nemcek made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 5:00 p.m.

Clerk-Administrator

Mayor