



# MINUTES

## Council Meeting

4:30 PM - Wednesday, April 8, 2026  
Municipal Office

The Council of the Municipality of Brooke-Alvinston was called to order on Wednesday, April 8, 2026, at 4:30 PM, in the Municipal Office, with the following members present:

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

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

**Regrets:**

### 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 at the appropriate time during the meeting.

### 3 MINUTES

a) Regular Council Meeting Minutes of March 25, 2026

#### **RESOLUTION-2026-124**

Deputy Mayor Frank Nemcek made a motion that the March 26, 2026 meeting minutes be approved as presented without error or omission. Councillor Jenny Redick seconded the motion.

**Carried**

b) Special Council Meeting Minutes of March 30, 2026

#### **RESOLUTION-2026-125**

Councillor Craig Sanders made a motion that the March 30, 2026 special meeting minutes be approved as amended. Deputy Mayor Frank Nemcek seconded the motion.

**Carried**

### 4 BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

March 26, 2026 Minutes: Councillor Redick questioned staff on their opinions on adding items to the CSRIF grant in the past. She stated she was unaware that the boards were included in the tender and questioned why the dressing rooms were not included.

Staff noted the application type - retrofit vs new build, the estimate in the application was \$2.2M and the cost came in much lower. The dasher boards being requested as add in's compliment the project scope and is not an isolated addition to the application.

March 30, 2026 Minutes - the addition of the tender price (\$1,098,300) was requested

to be added to the approval resolution.

## 5 DELEGATIONS & TIMED EVENTS

- a) Tourism Sarnia Lambton - Adam Veens, Interim Executive Director

Adam Veens provided an overview of how Tourism Sarnia Lambton's can be involved with the Municipality and assist in any assistance in tourism or agritourism events.

## 6 CORRESPONDENCE

- a) Municipal Correspondence:

### RESOLUTION-2026-126

Councillor Jenny Redick made a motion that the circulated correspondence be received and filed. Councillor Craig Sanders seconded the motion.

**Carried**

- b) Ryan Tax Firm - Municipal Tax Assessments

### RESOLUTION-2026-127

Councillor Craig Sanders made a motion that the request from Ryan Tax Firm be received and filed. Deputy Mayor Frank Nemcek seconded the motion.

**Carried**

- c) Town of Saugeen Shores - Heritage Grant Funding

### RESOLUTION-2026-128

Councillor Craig Sanders made a motion that the request from the Town of Saugeen Shores be received and filed. Councillor Don McCabe seconded the motion.

**Carried**

- d) North East Manitoulin & The Islands - Tar & Chip Surfaces

### RESOLUTION-2026-129

Councillor Craig Sanders made a motion that the Municipality of Brooke-Alvinston supports the request from the Town of Northeastern Manitoulin and the Islands to request that the Ministry of Environment reconsider its decision regarding the lighter grade of oil, taking into account the increased number of applications required, as well as the associated additional time, energy, and financial burden placed on municipalities or develops a better alternative oil. Councillor Jenny Redick seconded the motion.

**Carried**

- e) City of Sarnia - Mayoral Authority & Municipal Police Budget

### RESOLUTION-2026-130

Councillor Craig Sanders made a motion that the Municipality of Brooke-Alvinston supports the request from the City of Sarnia to call on all municipalities across Ontario to unite in encouraging an approach that better aligns accountability with decision-making and supports more sustainable municipal governance across Ontario. Councillor Jenny Redick seconded the motion.

**Carried**

## 7 STAFF REPORTS

- a) Treasurer's Report: By-law to Adopt the Municipality's 2026 Tax Rates

**RESOLUTION-2026-131**

Deputy Mayor Frank Nemcek made a motion that Council pass the By-Law to provide for the adoption of the 2026 tax rates for the Municipality of Brooke-Alvinston. Councillor Craig Sanders seconded the motion.

**Carried**

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

**RESOLUTION-2026-132**

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

**Carried**

- c) **Clerk Administrator's Report:** Appointment By-law

**RESOLUTION-2026-133**

Councillor Jenny Redick made a motion that the attached appointment By-law be approved. Councillor Craig Sanders seconded the motion.

**Carried**

- d) **Clerk Administrator's Report:** Ale House Patio Relocation

**RESOLUTION-2026-134**

Deputy Mayor Frank Nemcek made a motion that the Council of the Municipality of Brooke-Alvinston has no objections to the Ale House patio to the rear of 3229 River Street provided the noise by-laws are adhered to. Councillor Jenny Redick seconded the motion.

**Carried**

- e) **Clerk Administrator's Report:** Request for a Special Occasion Permit - Cornhole Tournament

**RESOLUTION-2026-135**

Councillor Don McCabe made a motion that the Council of the Municipality of Brooke-Alvinston declares the Alvinston Firefighter Association first annual Cornhole Tournament as an event of municipal significance and acknowledges that the AFFA will be applying for a Special Occasion Permit (SOP) Councillor Jenny Redick seconded the motion.

**Carried**

- f) **Drainage Superintendent's Report:** Chanyi Drain Tender

**RESOLUTION-2026-136**

Councillor Jenny Redick made a motion that the contract for the Chanyi Drain be awarded to Van Bree Infrastructure in the total amount of \$71,337.80 (including HST). Deputy Mayor Frank Nemcek seconded the motion.

**Carried**

- g) **Clerk Administrator's Report:** Legion Patio

**RESOLUTION-2026-137**

Councillor Don McCabe made a motion that the Council of the Municipality of Brooke-Alvinston has no objections to the Alvinston Legion Branch 249 having a temporary outdoor extension to their liquor license in terms of an outside patio at 3259 Nauvoo Road, Alvinston provided the required setback are maintained Councillor Jenny Redick seconded the motion.

**Carried**

- h) **Public Works Superintendent's Report:** 2026 Concrete Crushing

**RESOLUTION-2026-138**

Deputy Mayor Frank Nemcek made a motion that Council award the 2026 crushing concrete tender to the lowest bid received from Schouten in the amount of \$32,944.02 (including HST) Councillor Jenny Redick seconded the motion.

**Carried**

**8 BY-LAWS**

- a) By-law 21 of 2026 - Tax rate by-law

**RESOLUTION-2026-139**

Councillor Jenny Redick made a motion that By-law 21 of 2026 be read a first, second and third time and finally passed this 8th day of April, 2026. Councillor Craig Sanders seconded the motion.

**Carried**

- b) By-law 22 of 2026 - Sale of land By-law (alley)

**RESOLUTION-2026-140**

Deputy Mayor Frank Nemcek made a motion that By-law 22 of 2026 be read a first, second and third time and finally passed this 8th day of April, 2026. Councillor Craig Sanders seconded the motion.

**Carried**

- c) By-law 23 of 2026 - Appointment By-law

**RESOLUTION-2026-141**

Councillor Jenny Redick made a motion that By-law 23 of 2026 be read a first, second and third time and finally passed this 8th day of April, 2026. Councillor Craig Sanders seconded the motion.

**Carried**

**9 NEW BUSINESS**

- a) Engineering proposal for Petrolia Line.

In a submitted report, the Public Works Superintendent presented options for the design & tendering and construction supervision of rehabilitation work on a section of Petrolia Line east from crest of hill to crest of hill through Browns Creek valley. The amount was presented at \$22,000 + HST by Black Creek Engineering.

A road needs study was also presented in the amount of \$29,000 + HST which would encompass all Brooke-Alvinston roads.

Councillor Sanders presented 6 letters he received from residents on the condition of Rokeby

**RESOLUTION-2026-142**

Councillor Jenny Redick made a motion that Council approve the estimate provided by Black Creek Engineering to provide engineering services for design, project management and contract administration for a section of Petrolia Line from crest of hill to crest of hill through the Brown's Creek valley in the amount of \$22,000 + HST; and that this method of approval of Engineer be used vs the method of tendering for services as the estimate was requested and provided in a timely manner at the request of Council; that the Municipality has a good working relationship with Black Creek Engineering; and that the

Engineer is familiar with the area. Councillor Craig Sanders seconded the motion.

**Carried**

**b) Placement of Fairboard Sign**

The Parks and Recreation Manager advised of the cleanup he will be doing at the skateboard park signage area with new posts added to the current sign and the Fairboard sign erected in the same raised bed.

**c) Tennis Courts**

Councillor Redick inquired about the status of the tennis court resurfacing. The Parks & Recreation Manager noted in discussions with the Optimist Club, the planned work will likely take place after Canada Day.

**d) Councillor Redick noted the success of the U18 and U15 ELMHA teams reaching finals. In addition the victory of the Alvinston Killer Bees was noted.**

**e) Councillor Nemcek advised Council of the Optimist Food Drive planned for April 12th**

**f) The Parks & Recreation Manager advised that the ice is out and construction is beginning April 9th on the arena floor.**

**g) The Public Works Superintendent advised the 2026 gravel process has started**

**10 CLOSED SESSION**

**11 RISE AND REPORT**

**12 BY-LAW CONFIRMING PROCEEDINGS**

**a) By-law 24 of 2026 - Confirming By-law**

**RESOLUTION-2026-143**

Councillor Don McCabe made a motion that By-law 24 of 2026 be read a first, second and third time and finally passed this 8th day of April, 2026. Councillor Jenny Redick seconded the motion.

**Carried**

**13 ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 5:30 p.m.

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Clerk-Administrator

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Mayor