



MINUTES

Council Meeting

4:30 PM - Thursday, May 14, 2026
Municipal Office

The Council of the Municipality of Brooke-Alvinston was called to order on Thursday, May 14, 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, Councillor Jenny Redick, and Councillor Craig Sanders

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

Regrets:

1 CALL TO ORDER

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

The Mayor requested a moment of silence for Anne McGugan who recently passed.

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 April 23, 2026

RESOLUTION-2026-166

Councillor Craig Sanders made a motion that the minutes of the April 23, 2026 regular session of Council be approved as presented without error or omission. Councillor Jenny Redick seconded the motion.

Carried

4 BUSINESS ARISING FROM THE MINUTES

5 DELEGATIONS & TIMED EVENTS

6 CORRESPONDENCE

a) Municipal Correspondence

RESOLUTION-2026-167

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

Carried

b) Greater Sudbury - Special Economic Zone

RESOLUTION-2026-168

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

motion.

Carried

- c) City of Peterborough - Guaranteed Basic Income

RESOLUTION-2026-169

Councillor Craig Sanders made a motion that the request from the City of Peterborough be received and filed. Councillor Jenny Redick seconded the motion.

Carried

- d) Municipality of Huron Shores - Heritage Grant Program

RESOLUTION-2026-170

Councillor Craig Sanders made a motion that the request from the Municipality of Huron Shores be received and filed. Deputy Mayor Frank Nemcek seconded the motion.

Carried

- e) City of Pickering - School Board Governance

RESOLUTION-2026-171

Councillor Craig Sanders made a motion that the Council of the Municipality of Brooke-Alvinston supports the request from the City of Pickering to request that a province-wide consultation process take place before making any governance changes or decisions that would result in the elimination of school board trustees. Councillor Jenny Redick seconded the motion.

Carried

- f) Municipality of Wawa - Land Transfer Tax

RESOLUTION-2026-172

Deputy Mayor Frank Nemcek made a motion that the Council of the Municipality of Brooke-Alvinston supports the request from the Municipality of Wawa to request that the Province of Ontario consider amending the Land Transfer Act to:

1. Increase the value threshold at which the first-time home buyer rebate fully offsets provincial Land Transfer Tax to level that reflects current housing market realities
 2. Increase the maximum rebate amount available to first time home buyers accordingly to meaningfully reduce upfront tax costs for first-time purchasers.
- Councillor Craig Sanders seconded the motion.

Carried

- g) Township of Springwater - Better Regional Governance Act, 2026

RESOLUTION-2026-173

Deputy Mayor Frank Nemcek made a motion that the Council of the Municipality of Brooke-Alvinston supports the request from the Township of Springwater to call on the Government of Ontario to amend Bill 100 to preserve local democratic authority, maintain council-based governance structures, and ensure that upper-tier municipal leadership remains accountable to local councils and communities. Councillor Craig Sanders seconded the motion.

Carried

7 STAFF REPORTS

- a) **Treasurer's Report:** Accounts Payable Listing - April 2026

RESOLUTION-2026-174

Councillor Jenny Redick made a motion that Council receive and file the Accounts Payable Listing for April 2026. Councillor Craig Sanders seconded the motion.

Carried

- b) **Treasurer's Report:** Year-to-Date (to March 31) Budget to Actual Comparisons

RESOLUTION-2026-175

Councillor Jenny Redick made a motion that Council receive and file Year-to-date (1st Quarter to March 31) Budget to Actual Comparisons. Councillor Craig Sanders seconded the motion.

Carried

- c) **Treasurer's Report:** By-law to Adopt the Municipality's 2026 Tax Rates (Corrected)

RESOLUTION-2026-176

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

Carried

- d) **Public Works Superintendent's Report:** Railroad Street, Centre Street, and Elm Street – Top Coat Paving

RESOLUTION-2026-177

Councillor Craig Sanders made a motion that Council approve the award of the tender to Sev-Con Paving for the top coat paving of Railroad Line, Centre Street, and Elm Street in the amount of \$187,846.83. Councillor Don McCabe seconded the motion.

Carried

- e) **Public Works Superintendent's Report:** Churchill Line Reconstruction Tender Results - Forest Road to Kingscourt

RESOLUTION-2026-178

Deputy Mayor Frank Nemcek made a motion that Council approves the recommendation of Spriet Associates to award the 2026 Churchill Line Rehabilitation Project in conjunction with Warwick Township from Forest Road to Kingscourt Road to All Season Excavating in the amount of \$1,672,615.00 excluding HST. Councillor Don McCabe seconded the motion.

Carried

- f) **Clerk Administrator's Report:** Crockett Drain Branch B

RESOLUTION-2026-179

Councillor Jenny Redick made a motion that the report on the Crockett Drain Branch "B" be referred back to the Engineer for revisions based on requests from landowners. Councillor Don McCabe seconded the motion.

Carried

- g) **Clerk Administrator's Report:** Bluewater Power Corporation Annual Resolutions and Shareholders Update

RESOLUTION-2026-180

Councillor Craig Sanders made a motion that the Council of the Municipality of Brooke-Alvinston agree to the resolutions provided by BWP in correspondence dated May 4, 2026 and outlined on pages 13-15 of the attached document. Councillor Jenny Redick seconded the motion.

Carried

- h) **Parks & Recreation Manager's Report:** Memorial tree - Inwood

RESOLUTION-2026-181

Councillor Craig Sanders made a motion that Council receive the report on a memorial tree in Inwood and approve a memorial tree and signage for the late Fred Oriet at the Inwood Park. Councillor Jenny Redick seconded the motion.

Carried

- i) **Parks & Recreation Manager's Report:** Proposed Fencing installation at BAICCC

RESOLUTION-2026-182

Councillor Jenny Redick made a motion that Council approve the proposed fencing project presented by the Alvinston Rodeo Committee and Alvinston Optimist Club. Deputy Mayor Frank Nemcek seconded the motion.

Carried

- j) **Clerk Administrator's Report:** Annual Canada Day Car Show and antique Tractor Show

RESOLUTION-2026-183

Councillor Craig Sanders made a motion that the Council of the Municipality of Brooke-Alvinston has no objections to the Alvinston Legion hosting the annual Canada Day Car and antique Tractor Show on July 5, 2026 at the BAICCC grounds; and that the Legion Branch 249 will be applying for a special occasion permit to run the licensed area. Councillor Don McCabe seconded the motion.

Carried

- k) **Clerk Administrator's Report:** Kal Tire Fund Agreement

RESOLUTION-2026-184

Councillor Don McCabe made a motion that Council receive the grant in the amount of \$18,000 from Kal Tire with gratitude; and that Council defers the proposed Alvinston playground resurfacing project to the 2027 budget discussions; and that staff be directed to discuss the project with the Alvinston Optimist Club for potential partnering in 2027. Councillor Craig Sanders seconded the motion.

Carried

- l) **Drainage Superintendent's Report:** Municipal Drain Mowing Erosion Plan

RESOLUTION-2026-185

Councillor Jenny Redick made a motion that Council approve in principal the implementation of an annual municipal drain bank mowing program as part of routine maintenance activities. Councillor Craig Sanders seconded the motion.

Carried

RESOLUTION-2026-186

Councillor Don McCabe made a motion that Council directs Staff to arrange a presentation by Jake Zruna. Councillor Jenny Redick seconded the motion.

Carried

- m) **Clerk Administrator's Report:** Employee Benefit Renewal

RESOLUTION-2026-187

Councillor Jenny Redick made a motion that Council approve the added group insurance benefits with the modest overall increase in premiums of 4.2%

effective July 1, 2026 (plan renewal date). Councillor Don McCabe seconded the motion.

Carried

8 BY-LAWS

- a) By-law 27 of 2026 - amended Tax Rate By-law
-presented under item 7.3

RESOLUTION-2026-188

Councillor Jenny Redick made a motion that By-law 27 of 2026 be read a first, second and third time and finally passed this 14th day of May, 2026. Councillor Craig Sanders seconded the motion.

Carried

- b) By-law 28 of 2026 - Council Remuneration

RESOLUTION-2026-189

Councillor Jenny Redick made a motion that By-law 28 of 2026 be read a first, second and third time and finally passed this 14th day of May, 2026. Councillor Craig Sanders seconded the motion.

Carried

9 NEW BUSINESS

- a) Clerk Administrator: Alvinston Arena Floor Fundraiser Update:

The Clerk Administrator advised Council that the OHL exhibition game between the London Knights and Erie Otters has been formally approved for Aug. 29th.

Funding in the amount of \$327,500 has been achieved to date.

- b) Verbal Update on the Arena Floor Project

The Parks and Recreation Manager provided an update on the arena floor project.

- c) Sidewalk - Railroad St.

The Public Works Superintendent noted a request to remove a portion of sidewalk on Railroad was received. The sidewalk is in bad shape and isolated. Council had no objections to the removal.

- d) The new signage (fairboard) and landscaping at the arena was noted.

10 CLOSED SESSION

- a) 239(2)(b) personal matters about an identifiable individual including municipal employees
- b) 239(2)(k) - a position, plan, procedure, criteria or instruction to be applied to any negotiations carried on or to be carried on by or on behalf of the municipality of local board

11 RISE AND REPORT

The Clerk Administrator provided the Rise and Report that: The closed meeting minutes from March 30, 2026 were approved as presented; the three year contract with the Fire Chief was approved as presented; and that staff be directed as discussed on the sponsorship option presented.

12 BY-LAW CONFIRMING PROCEEDINGS

- a) By-law 29 of 2026 - Confirming By-law

RESOLUTION-2026-190

Councillor Jenny Redick made a motion that By-law 29 of 2026 be read a first, second and third time and finally passed this 14th day of May, 2026 Deputy Mayor Frank Nemcek seconded the motion.

Carried

13 ADJOURNMENT

Councillor Sanders made a motion to adjourn the meeting at 5:20 p.m.

Clerk-Administrator

Mayor