

COUNCIL MINUTES

TOWNSHIP OF COCKBURN ISLAND COUNCIL MEETING

5 PM, WEDNESDAY, June 10th, 2026

Meeting On-line by ZOOM

ZOOM LINK <https://us06web.zoom.us/j/81611497410>

(link is the same for every regular meeting)

PRESENT

Mayor: Brenda Jones
Councillors: Lee Chappell
Jeff House
Simon Lacombe
Scott Stewart
Clerk: Lynn Jackes

(A number of ratepayers observed the meeting.)

Time – 5:00 PM

Call to Order

Declarations of any pecuniary interest

Delegations – if any

New Business – if any

Public Works Committee Meeting

Resolution # 26-06-01

Moved: S. Lacombe

Seconded: J. House

That the June 10th, 2026 Council meeting agenda be adopted.

CARRIED

Resolution # 26-06-02

Moved: S. Stewart

Seconded: L. Chappell

That the minutes of the May 13th, 2026 regular meeting be adopted.

CARRIED4

Public Works Committee meeting – Council and available Public Works crew

Resolution # 26-06-03

Moved: L. Chappell

Seconded: S. Lacombe

That we enter into Committee of the Whole so that an informal discussion with staff can be held regarding Public Works and related matters.
Time – 5:01 PM

CARRIED

Council Member Stewart chaired the PW session. Items raised during the Public Works Committee of the Whole included;

- The bridge at Sand creek is closed due to rotted beams.
- The culvert on the 10th will be buried tomorrow.
- Steel for dock repairs are coming in on the barge shortly and other parts needed are already purchased.
- The dock should be removed from the water for repairs.
- Darren has the old brush hog ready to sell
- Jeff will bring the salt spreader with him on June 19th.

Resolution # 26-06-04
Moved: J. House
Seconded: S. Lacombe

That we return to Open Session
Time – 5:12 PM

CARRIED

Action Items

Insurance – Approval of quote

Resolution # 26-06-05
Moved: S. Stewart
Seconded: S. Lacombe

Be it resolved that Council approves the insurance quote submitted by **MIS MUNICIPAL INSURANCE SERVICES** for **2026 2027 policy** at a premium of **\$23,659.00** and authorizes staff to proceed with securing the policy.

CARRIED

Building Systems Committee – Appoint rep

Resolution # 26-06-06
Moved: J. House
Seconded: S. Lacombe

Be it resolved that Council appoints Lynn Jackes to represent the Township of Cockburn Island

on the Building Systems Committee.

CARRIED

Backfilling on W Street – Council decided to offer brush chipping services rather than implementing a controlled dumping system because of the difficulty of policing the dumping.

Resolution # 26-06-07

Moved: S. Stewart

Seconded: J. House

That chip-brush disposal at the landfill be provided to ratepayers upon request, subject to appropriate lead time. The volume accepted will be at the discretion of Public Works based on operational capacity.

CARRIED

MPB Financial Statement -

Resolution # 26-06-08

Moved: S. Lacombe

Seconded: L. Chappell

BE IT RESOLVED THAT Cockburn Island Council concurs with the 2026 Manitoulin Planning Board 2026 budget.

CARRIED

Hall Kitchen – Discussion on location of sink.

The Council consensus is that the Heritage Committee Executive had already planned the layout of the kitchen in the hall and they will follow this original plan. Council asked if the wall surrounding the stove had a safe fire rating. Also, there was a question about the time frame for presenting Council with a contract for the plumbing and electrical work on the new well. The Clerk will email the questions to the Chairperson, Dwight Philips.

Cockburn Island Addition Provincial Park – Concerns were raised by Council because of the unanswered questions from the December meeting with Will Kershaw. The Clerk will email Mr. Kershaw.

May Council tour – discussion & follow up

Scott Stewart reported that various property owners had no objections to the brush hog use however, NCC objected due to invasive species concerns. First Nations had not yet responded. CIL had no objections if pesticides were not used.

Ian Anderson removed 2 beavers and there is still one to remove on his next trip to the Island.

Financial Report - Receive report on disbursements by cheque, transfer, auto-debit, NCU “pay bills” and VISA.

Northern Credit Union Bank balances as of June 5, 2026	
<u>Dock Account 101</u>	<u>\$16,135.04</u>

<u>Heritage Account 102</u>	\$75,907.79
<u>Operating Account 100</u>	\$327,171.64
<u>1 YEAR 3 PT 1 LANDFILL GIC 403</u>	\$10,000.00

TOTAL \$419,214.77

Current Interest Rate earned on Operating account2.45 %
Current Interest Rate earned on Twp Heritage Account 1.95 %
Current Interest Rate earned on Dock Account.....1.95 %
LANDFILL GIC3.1%, one-year from Sept/25

Resolution # 2026-06-09

Moved: S. Stewart

Seconded: S. Lacombe

That the Treasurer's report on bank balances, cheques, auto-debit payments, EFTs, e-transfers and the VISA card statemen be hereby received.

CARRIED

Council Members' Concerns –

Council member House met with the Tulloch engineer regarding the dock repair. There will be more information to follow at the next meeting. He is searching for funding to help with repairs from LAMBAC, Fednor and NOHFC.

Council member Stewart is investigating options for the repair of the bridge at Sand creek. He will work with Council member Chappell to explore options.

The scaffolding will be needed for the streetlight installation and there is a need for new planks. He is looking at the most economical solution.

There is only 20 days left to get vehicles out of the parking lot to do the grading which should take a couple of days when all vehicles are removed. A reminder will be posted on the Facebook page.

Council member Chappell gave an update on the streetlights which are progressing nicely. Numbers should be painted (with a template) on poles to help with location. Eric Fortier is booked for June but he will try to have the lights completed by the August long weekend.

Mayor Jones is waiting for confirmation for the dates July 26 & 27th to do First Responder recertification. The trainer would be offered the Township house at no cost..

Clerk's Report

- a) The Zoning Bylaw was sent to Chris Meloche our CBO in order to answer questions regarding building permit and lot lines.
- b) Taxes and applications for election ballots were sent out.
- c) Annual NORDS funding – Funding is now permanent. Application should be submitted next week. Deadline is July 31, 2026.

- d) There was an issue hooking up the TMM tax program but should be resolved by next week.

Closed Session if needed

Adjournment

Resolution # 2026-06-10

Moved: S. Lacombe

Seconded: J. House

That this meeting be now adjourned and that Council meet again by Zoom at 5 PM Wednesday July 8, 2026 or at the call of the Mayor.
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CARRIED

Time – 6:22 PM

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FOR THE June 10th, 2026 COCKBURN ISLAND
COUNCIL MEETING



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CLERK-TREASURER,


Mayor

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MAYOR BRENDA JONES