

**TYENDINAGA MOHAWK COUNCIL MINUTES  
AUGUST 27, 2025**

A meeting of the Tyendinaga Mohawk Council was held on Wednesday, August 27, 2025 at 9:00 a.m. in the Council Chambers.

Present: Chief R. Donald Maracle  
Councillors: Chase Ogwari Brant, Kurtis Brant, Erin Ferrante, Lynda Leween and Chris M. Maracle

Regrets: Chris B. Brant, recovering from surgery

Staff: Angela Maracle, A/CAO; Shelley Bowden, Executive Administrative Assistant and Recording Secretary to Council; Charles Maracle, Executive Assistant to the Chief;

MOTION #1: Moved by Kurtis Brant, seconded by Lynda Leween to adopt the Agenda.  
Carried.

MOTION #2: Moved by Chase Ogwari Brant, seconded by Kurtis Brant that the Tyendinaga Mohawk Council Minutes of August 6, 2025 be approved.  
Carried.

MOTION #3: Moved by Lynda Leween, seconded by Erin Ferrante that the Tyendinaga Mohawk Council Local Business Minutes of August 13, 2025 be approved.  
Carried.

MOTION #4: Moved by Chris M. Maracle, seconded by Lynda Leween to approve following meetings outside of the territory:  
Chief: attending the AFN Annual General Assembly - September 3-5, 2025 in Winnipeg  
Chief & Lynda: attending the ALFDC Board of Director meeting on September 23-24, 2025 in Orillia;  
Chief, Lynda & Kurtis: attending the 2025 IESO First Nation Energy Symposium on in Toronto  
Chris M: attending the Woodland Cultural Centre Event on September 22, 2025 in Brantford;  
Lynda: attending eh Woodland Cultural Centre Event on September 30, 2025 in Brantford.  
Carried.

MOTION #5: Moved by Erin Ferrante, seconded by Lynda Leween that the Tyendinaga Mohawk Council hereby appoint Vaughn Johnston as the Electoral Officer for the upcoming 2025 Elections for the Mohawks of the Bay of Quinte.  
  
AND that the Nominations will be held on October 18, 2025 for the upcoming Elections;  
  
AND that the Election will be held on December 6, 2025 to elect a Chief and six Councillors. M.C.R. #2025/26-050.  
Carried.

MOTION #6: Moved by Erin Ferrante, seconded by Chase Ogwari Brant to approve the letter of support for the Mohawk Fire Fighters Association hosting a beer tent at the Mohawk Fair September 12-14, 2025.  
Carried.

MOTION #7: Moved by Chase Ogwari Brant, seconded by Kurtis Brant to approve the Business Registration Renewal for Daniel J. Brant & Associates, owner Daniel J. Brant.  
Carried.

- MOTION #8: Moved by Kurtis Brant, seconded by Chase Ogwari Brant to approve the Business Registration Renewal for 49 Vape, owner Summer Raven Maracle. Carried.
- MOTION #9: Moved by Erin Ferrante, seconded by Lynda Leween to approve the Business Registration Renewal for B's Country Boutique, owner Brenda Brant. Carried.
- Councillor Kurtis Brant – Abstained Brenda Brant is his Sister In-law.
- MOTION #10: Moved by Chase Ogwari Brant, seconded by Kurtis Brant to approve the Business Registration Renewal for L&M Enterprises, owner Sharon Maracle. Carried.
- MOTION #11: Moved by Erin Ferrante, seconded by Chase Ogwari Brant to approve the Business Registration Renewal for Mohawk Duty Free, owner Terry Maracle. Carried.
- MOTION #12: Moved by Chase Ogwari Brant, seconded by Kurtis Brant to approve the Business Registration for Cloud 49 Vape Outlet Centre, owner Jason Maracle. Carried.
- MOTION #13: Moved by Erin Ferrante, seconded by Chris M. Maracle to approve the Business Registration for Ridge Road Training and Consulting, owner Kiera Brant-Birioukov, Gail Brant-Terry & Anton Birioukov-Brant. Carried.
- MOTION #14: Moved by Erin Ferrante, seconded by Lynda Leween to approve the Business Registration for Spirit World Gifts, owner Edna Jacobs. Carried.
- MOTION #15: Moved by Chris M. Maracle, seconded by Kurtis Brant to approve the Business Registration for Road House Collision & Restoration, owner Michael Landry. Carried.
- MOTION #16: Moved by Erin Ferrante, seconded by Kurtis Brant to approve signing the letter for Kody Whiteman confirming his membership and that he hunts for sustenance purposes. Carried.
- MOTION #17: Moved by Chase Ogwari Brant, seconded by Lynda Leween to approve the following Land Transfers:
1. from Kevin Joseph Kunkel, Timothy Paul Kunkel and Alan Michael Paul to Evelyn Mae Wheeler for LOT 7H-1 CONCESSION 2 RSO 1206 and LOT 7H-2 CONCESSION 2 RSO 1206.
  2. from James Earl Brant to Jeffrey Wayne Boicey-MacDonald of LOT 68-5 CONCESSION 1 CLSR 111245 and LOT 9F-3 CONCESSION 1 CLSR 111245.
  3. from Brenda Lorraine Asselstine to Darren Michael Asselstine and Brenda Lorraine Asselstine as Joint Tenants for LOT 22L-4 CONCESSION A CLSR 67068.
  4. from Kenneth Wayne Brant and Barbara Gail Brant to Myles Wesly Orville Adam Green for LOT 25B-10-1 CONCESSION A RSO 4164R, LOT 25G CONCESSION A CLSR 67531 and LOT 25B-11-2 CONCESSION A RSO 4326R.
  5. from Kenneth Wayne Brant to Myles Wesly Orville Adam Green for LOT 31E-5-1 CONCESSION A RSO 5474R, LOT 31E-6-1 CONCESSION A RSO 5475R and LOT 31E-13 CONCESSION A CLSR 100050.

6. from Christopher Montgomery Maracle and Susan Lynn Maracle to Ian Christopher Weed of LOT 21J-3 CONCESSION A CLSR 114920.

Carried.

Councillor Chris M. Maracle – Conflict of Interest on #6 Land Transfer.

MOTION #18: Moved by Chase Ogwari Brant, seconded by Lynda Leween to approve the revisions to the Employment and Training Policy – the Post Secondary Support section of the policy has been revised to be consistent with the MBQ Post Secondary Policy for maximum funding allocations for residence fees.

Carried.

MOTION #19: Moved by Chase Ogwari Brant, seconded by Kurtis Brant be it Resolved That We, the Council of **TYENDINAGA MOHAWK TERRITORY #38**, representing the **MOHAWKS OF THE BAY OF QUINTE** (the “**First Nation**”), at a duly convened meeting of Council held on August 27, 2025 and having reviewed the sketch provided by Hydro One Networks Inc. attached hereto as Schedule “A” (“**Sketch**”) in respect of the new or modified connection of **00 Lower Slash Road** to the electricity distribution system approve the proposed location of the poles, anchors, conductors and equipment identified in the Sketch on the **TYENDINAGA MOHAWK TERRITORY #38**.  
M.C.R. #2025/26-051.

Carried.

MOTION #20: Moved by Kurtis Brant, seconded by Lynda Leween to approve signing the Association of Iroquois and Allied Indian Letter of Agreement – Ministry of the Attorney General in the amount of \$18,750.00 for the delivery for the Indigenous Victim Services Program.

Carried.

MOTION #21: Moved by Erin Ferrante, seconded by Lynda Leween to approve signing the Transfer Payment Agreement in the amount of \$169,111.00 for 2025/2026 and \$174,687.00 for 2026/2027 for the Gladue After Care Worker.

Carried.

MOTION #22: Moved by Erin Ferrante, seconded by Lynda Leween to approve signing the Memorandum of Understanding with Queen’s University to do research to explore the complexities of Community Mobilization in response to COVID-19.

Carried.

MOTION #23: Moved by Erin Ferrante, seconded by Lynda Leween to approve signing the Transfer Payment Agreement from the Solicitor General in the amount of \$20,000.00 to provide programming for Indigenous clients in the community to support rehabilitation and reintegration.

Carried.

MOTION #24: Moved by Erin Ferrante, seconded by Kurtis Brant to approve signing the Indigenous Services Canada (ISC) Agreement #2122-ON-000027 amendment #0107 in the amount of \$65,000.00 for Housing Management Subsidy and \$25,000.00 for Drinking Water & Wastewater.

Carried.

MOTION #25: Moved by Chase Ogwari Brant, seconded by Chris M. Maracle to approve to pay the Alan Pratt invoices #6393 in the amount of \$1,590.00 for Culbertson Tract Land Claim; #6394 in the amount of \$1,100.00 for Turton Penn Loss of Use; #6395 in the amount of \$1,858.50 for Surrender 24.

Carried.

MOTION #26: Moved by Erin Ferrante, seconded by Lynda Leween to approve to pay the JFK Law invoice #402730 in the amount of \$1,348.00 for General Matters.

Carried.

MOTION #27: Moved by Kurtis Brant, seconded by Chase Ogwari Brant to approve to pay the Miller Thomson invoices #4134110 in the amount of \$3,228.30 for the Long Term Care Home; #4135612 in the amount of \$408.00 for Corporate Matters; #4156727 in the amount of \$631.53 for the Long Term Care Home; #4156912 in the amount of \$4,023.65 for the Long Term Care Home.

Carried.

MOTION #28: Moved by Chase Ogwari Brant, seconded by Erin Ferrante to approve signing the Canada Mortgage and Housing Corporation (CMHC) Section 95 loan renewal for Phase 5 in the amount of \$231,032.37 for a term of 5 years.

Carried.

MOTION #29: Moved by Erin Ferrante, seconded by Lynda Leween to award the contract to Build All Contractors for total amount of \$227,633.00 for the civil/site works for (7) seven zero-energy 'ready' 1-bedroom homes on Flat Street.

Carried.

MOTION #30: Moved by Chase Ogwari Brant, seconded by Erin Ferrante that **WHEREAS** the Tyendinaga Mohawk Council recognizes its duty to provide leadership and oversight on behalf of the community;

**WHEREAS** in the absence of adopted governance policies, there is a need to formally define the roles and responsibilities of Chief and Council to ensure clarity, accountability, and respect in the exercise of authority;

**WHEREAS** the Council acknowledges its responsibility to uphold the principles of good governance, transparency, and respect for staff, community members, and each other;

**BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the Chief and Council of the Mohawks of the Bay of Quinte:

**Adopt this Resolution** as a guiding framework for Council responsibilities until such time as comprehensive governance policies are formally developed and approved;

**Affirm the following responsibilities of Chief and Council:**

- To act in the best interests of the community as a whole, with fairness and impartiality;
- To respect the roles and professional expertise of staff and refrain from harassment, interference, or undermining of staff duties;
- To collectively make decisions at duly convened Council meetings and speak with one voice once decisions are made;
- To maintain confidentiality on sensitive matters and respect privacy rights;
- To use social media responsibly and refrain from posting, sharing, or endorsing content that disrespects staff, Council decisions, or brings Council into disrepute;

- To declare conflicts of interest and recuse themselves from related decisions. This includes leaving the room during discussions and deliberations and refraining from influencing any individual staff or member of council, either directly or indirectly;
- To uphold respectful conduct toward fellow Councillors, staff, and community members at all times;
- To support the development and adoption of comprehensive governance policies in the future.

### **Definition of Harassment**

For the purposes of this Resolution, *harassment* is defined as:

Any unwelcome conduct, comment, gesture, or behavior — whether verbal, physical, written, or electronic — that is known, or reasonably ought to be known, to cause offence, humiliation, or intimidation to an employee, Council member, or community member within the workplace or in the course of Council-related duties.

Harassment includes, but is not limited to:

- Verbal abuse, threats, shouting, or insulting remarks;
- Unwanted physical contact, blocking movement, or intimidation;
- Offensive jokes, slurs, or derogatory language;
- Bullying, repeated criticism, or actions that undermine professional integrity;
- Written or digital harassment, including emails, text messages, and social media;
- Harassment based on protected human rights grounds such as race, gender, age, disability, religion, or sexual orientation;
- Sexual harassment, including unwelcome sexual advances, requests for favors, or other conduct of a sexual nature that creates a hostile or offensive environment.

### **Council Commitment**

- Chief and Council affirm a **zero-tolerance stance** toward harassment in the workplace.
- All members of Council have a duty to model respectful behavior and ensure a safe and healthy work environment for staff and community members.
- Any allegations of harassment involving a Councillor shall be addressed promptly through a fair, impartial, and transparent process, which may include the use of an **external investigator, mediator, or legal advisor** to ensure independence and avoid conflicts of interest. The process shall provide a safe avenue for staff or community members to bring forward complaints without fear of retaliation.

### **Section 3 – Consequences for Breach**

Failure by a Councillor to comply with the responsibilities and workplace harassment policy set out in this Resolution may result in sanctions imposed by Council, including but not limited to:

- Formal **censure** recorded in Council minutes;
- **Removal** from committees, boards, or delegated portfolios;
- **Suspension of travel or representation privileges** on behalf of Council;
- **Mandatory participation** in training, mediation, or conflict resolution;
- **Public reporting** of the Council's decision to the community;
- **Referral to external authorities** if the conduct breaches applicable laws.
- **Section 4 – Implementation**
- **Direct that this Resolution** be shared with staff and community members as a demonstration of Council's commitment to good governance and accountability.
- **BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT** this Resolution shall remain in effect until superseded by formal governance policies adopted by Chief and Council. M.C.R. #2025/26-052.

Carried.

3:07 p.m. Allison Lynn attended to provide an update on the Woodland Cultural Centre.

MBQ can have another community representative on the Woodland Cultural Centre Board.

The Woodland Cultural Centre is hosting a Grand Reopening on September 30, 2025 and is requesting a donation.

MOTION #31.: Moved by Chris M. Maracle, seconded by Lynda Leween to approve to appoint Feather Maracle as the MBQ 2nd Community Representative on the Woodland Cultural Centre Board.

Carried.

MOTION #32: Moved by Chase Ogwari Brant, seconded by Chris M. Maracle to approve a donation of \$10,000.00 for the Woodland Cultural Centre Grand Reopening.

Carried.

Councillor Chris M. Maracle inquired about an emergency management tabletop exercise being done.

MOTION #33: Moved by Chris M. Maracle, seconded by Kurtis Brant to approve to schedule an emergency management tabletop exercise.

Carried.

Council confirmed the following scheduled meetings:

- September 10, 2025 – Tyendinaga Mohawk Council Regular
- September 17, 2025 – Tyendinaga Mohawk Council Regular
- September 25, 2025 – Tyendinaga Mohawk Council Local Business
- October 2, 2025 – Tyendinaga Mohawk Council Regular
- October 8, 2025 – Tyendinaga Mohawk Council Local Business
- October 15, 2025 – Tyendinaga Mohawk Council Regular
- October 22, 2025 – Tyendinaga Mohawk Council Local Business

MOTION #34: Moved by Erin Ferrante, seconded by Lynda Leween that this meeting go into private. (4:20 p.m.)

Carried.

Recorded by:  
Shelley Bowden  
Executive Administrative Assistant and Recording Secretary to Council

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Chief R. Donald Maracle