

**TYENDINAGA MOHAWK COUNCIL MINUTES
JULY 8, 2026**

A meeting of the Tyendinaga Mohawk Council was held on Wednesday, July 8, 2026 at 11:36 a.m. in the Council Chambers.

Present: Chief R. Donald Maracle
Councillors: Chris B. Brant, Kurtis Brant, Erin Ferrante, Lynda Leween and Kristen Sara Loft

Regrets: Chase Ogwari Brant, Work Commitments

Staff: Angela Maracle, A/CAO; Charles Maracle, Executive Assistant to the Chief;

Regrets: Shelley Bowden, Executive Administrative Assistant and Recording Secretary to Council, on vacation.

MOTION #1: Moved by Erin Ferrante, seconded by Lynda Leween to call the meeting to order.
Carried.

MOTION #2: Moved by Erin Ferrante, seconded by Lynda Leween to adopt the Agenda.
Carried.

MOTION #3: Moved by Chris B. Brant, seconded by Kurtis Brant that the Tyendinaga Mohawk Council Minutes of June 15, 2026 be approved.
Carried.

MOTION #4: Moved by Chris B. Brant, seconded by Erin Ferrante to approve the following meeting outside the Territory:
Lynda: attending the Iroquois Caucus meeting on July 13, 2026 in Ottawa.
Carried.

MOTION #5: Moved by Erin Ferrante, seconded by Chris B. Brant to approved signing the Automatic Aid Agreement with the Town of Greater Napanee.
Carried.

MOTION #6: Moved by Chris B. Brant, seconded by Lynda Leween to approve sending a letter to the Tyendinaga Community Development Fund Committee regarding a request for funding, on an urgency basis.
Carried.

MOTION #7: Moved by Kurtis Brant, seconded by Erin Ferrante to approve the Business Registration for Miss Wendy's Rez Dogs, owner Wendy Maracle.
Carried.

MOTION #8: Moved by Chris B. Brant, seconded by Kurtis Brant to approve the Business Registration Renewal for 49 Frozen Foods, owner Robin G. Brant.
Carried.

MOTION #9: Moved by Kurtis Brant, seconded by Lynda Leween to approve the Business Registration Renewal for Kevin Clement Consulting, owner Kevin Clement.
Carried.

MOTION #10: Moved by Erin Ferrante, seconded by Kurtis Brant to approved to submit the application for the renewal of the Jordan's Principal Navigator proposal and sign the letter of support.
Carried.

MOTION #11: Moved by Chris B. Brant, seconded by Erin Ferrante that **WHEREAS** the Chief and Council of the Mohawks of the Bay of Quinte (Tyendinaga Mohawk Territory) hold the inherent right, jurisdiction, and fiduciary obligation to govern, manage, and protect the health, safety, and physical well-being of all community members; and

WHEREAS the Mohawks of the Bay of Quinte administer essential community health programming under Health Contribution Agreement **2122-ON-000027** with Indigenous Services Canada (ISC) / First Nations and Inuit Health Branch (FNIHB); and

WHEREAS the current "Set/Grant" funding structure provides a fixed annual allocation of \$109,000 for direct client medical transportation claims within a total program budget of \$205,481.00, and requires any unspent funds at the end of the fiscal year to be returned to the Government of Canada, limiting the community's ability to carry forward resources to address evolving priorities, operational pressures, and service needs in future fiscal years; and;

WHEREAS the Contribution Agreement should provide the flexibility to recognize and support emerging health priorities by permitting the addition of essential services, including oncology, dialysis, and addictions-related transportation, as community needs evolve; and

WHEREAS these administrative limitations have directly restricted community access, resulting in a low program utilization rate during Fiscal Year 2025–2026 in which approximately 250 of 2,090 on-reserve members accessed medical transportation services, demonstrating the need for a more flexible and responsive funding model; and

WHEREAS Indigenous Services Canada has recognized the importance of flexible funding approaches that strengthen First Nations' ability to respond to local priorities, improve financial stewardship, and maximize program delivery; and

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Chief and Council of the Mohawks of the Bay of Quinte hereby formally request that Indigenous Services Canada execute an immediate amendment to Contribution Agreement **2122-ON-000027** to transition the Medical Transportation allocation from a "Set/Grant" framework into a **Flexible Funding Model**; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT this transition must include full multi-year carry-forward authority to permit the local retention, reallocation, and reinvestment of program surpluses into high-deficit community health programs, ensuring maximum fiscal efficiency and expanded member access; and

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the amended Contribution Agreement provide sufficient flexibility to expand eligible medical transportation services to include oncology, dialysis, addictions treatment, and other medically necessary health services as approved by the Mohawks of the Bay of Quinte in response to evolving community needs.

BE IT FINALLY RESOLVED THAT the Chief and Council of the Mohawks of the Bay of Quinte support the MBQ Health Department in pursuing amendments to the Contribution Agreement with Indigenous Services Canada that expand the flexibility, scope, and administrative capacity of the contribution agreement Medical Transportation Program to meet better the evolving health and transportation needs of the community.
M.C.R. #2026/27-017.

Carried.

MOTION #12: Moved by Chris B. Brant seconded by Erin Ferrante to defer the request for the Non-Insured Health Benefits Medical Transportation Program Expansion & Assumption of Administrative Responsibility for a meeting with Tara Regan, Director of Health.

Carried.

- MOTION #13: Moved by Chris B. Brant, seconded by Erin Ferrante to approve signing the Association of Iroquois and Allied Indians (AIAI) Memorandum of Understanding for Aboriginal Diabetes Education in the amount of \$40,625.00; Health Consultation in the amount of \$2,250.00; STBBI/HIV/HCV Community Funding in the amount of \$16,373.63; Tuberculosis (TB) Community funding in the amount of \$4,539.31.
Carried.
- MOTION #14: Moved by Erin Ferrante, seconded by Lynda Leween to approve to pay the Miller Thomson invoice #4260099 in the amount of \$1,777.80 for Corporate Matters.
Carried.
- MOTION #15: Moved by Erin Ferrante, seconded by Kurtis Brant to approve signing the Indigenous Services Canada Funding Agreement #2122-ON-000027, Amendment #0134 in the amount of \$30,000.00 for Accreditation Services; #0135 in the amount of \$22,000.00 for Lands Management.
Carried.
- MOTION #16: Moved by Lynda Leween, seconded by Erin Ferrante that the Tyendinaga Mohawk Council authorize an increase to the Mohawks of the Bay of Quinte Corporate BMO Mastercard credit facility from \$100,000 to \$200,000. M.C.R. #2026/27-0018.
Carried.
- MOTION #17: Moved by Kurtis Brant, seconded by Erin Ferrante to approve submitting the application to the Building Communities Strong – Local Impact Stream for the Sports Complex Playground and Outdoor Lacrosse Rink Floor System for the July 8th deadline and for the Christ Church addition for the August 6th deadline.
Carried.
- Council would like to have a meeting with the Fair Board and the Pow Wow Committee.
- MOTION #18: Moved by Chris B. Brant, seconded by Kurtis Brant to approve the repairs to the stain glass windows at the All Saints Church in the amount of \$25,000.00.
Carried.
- MOTION #19: Moved by Erin Ferrante, seconded by Kurtis Brant to approve to pay the Jordan Sewell invoices #24 in the amount of \$720.00 for Culbertson Tract Land; #25 in the amount of \$1,520.00 for Surrender 24; #26 in the amount of \$160.00 for Turton Penn Loss of Use and the Alan Pratt invoice #6453 in the amount of \$635.00 for General Matters.
Carried.
- MOTION #20: Moved by Erin Ferrante, seconded by Lynda Leween to approve to pay the Derick Wong invoices #916 in the amount of \$17,850.00; #917 in the amount of \$2,800.00; #918 in the amount of \$8,050.00; #919 in the amount of \$9,450.00; #920 in the amount of \$2,800.00, all for Economic Development Matters.
Carried.
- MOTION #21: Moved by Chris B. Brant, seconded by Erin Ferrante to approve awarding the tender to Build All Contractors in the amount of \$5,581,851.00 and the total budget in the amount of \$6,509,767.00 for the Peatland Expansion and Improvements servicing Quinte Mohawk Council.
Carried.

MOTION #22: Moved by Chris B. Brant, seconded by Erin Ferrante to approve signing the Association of Iroquois and Allied Indians (AI AI) Agreement in the amount of \$50,000.00 for Mental Wellness Team Funding; in the amount of \$14,632.00 for Responsible Gambling; in the amount of \$67,112.00 for Regional Social Emergency Management; in the amount of \$260,963.00 for Mental Health Funding; in the amount of \$18,750.00 for Indigenous Victim Services; in the amount of \$42,000.00 for Ending Violence Against Indigenous Women and \$12,000.00 for Youth Cultural Camp.

Carried.

Council confirmed the following scheduled meetings:

- July 20, 2026 – Tyendinaga Mohawk Council Local Business
- July 20, 2026 – Tyendinaga Mohawk Council Regular
- July 29, 2026 – Tyendinaga Mohawk Council Local Business
- August 5, 2026 – Tyendinaga Mohawk Council Regular
- August 12, 2026 – Tyendinaga Mohawk Council Local Business
- August 19, 2026 – Tyendinaga Mohawk Council Regular
- August 26, 2026 – Tyendinaga Mohawk Council Local Business

MOTION #23: Moved by Lynda Leween, seconded by Kristen Sara Loft that this meeting go into private. (1:14 p.m.)

Carried.

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

Chief R. Donald Maracle