



The Corporation of the Municipality of Red Lake

Committee of the Whole Meeting

Monday, 13 April 2026, 5:00 p.m.

Council Chambers

2 Fifth Street, Balmertown

1. CALL TO ORDER

- 1.1. Land Acknowledgement Statement
- 1.2. Anyone present may not record (video or audio) and/or leave any cell phone on without permission

2. DISCLOSURE OF PECUNIARY INTEREST AND THE GENERAL NATURE THEREOF

- 2.1. For the agenda for this meeting, and
- 2.2. For minutes of a meeting at which a member was not in attendance

3. DELEGATIONS AND DEPUTATIONS

4. ADMINISTRATIVE REPORTS

- 4.1. CAO
- 4.2. CLERK
 - 4.2.1. Update on Downtown Howey Street 2 hr Parking
- 4.3. TREASURER
- 4.4. DIRECTOR OF OPERATIONS
- 4.5. DIRECTOR OF PUBLIC WORKS AND FLEET

5. REFERRED AND DEFERRED ITEMS

6. NEW BUSINESS

- 6.1. Prince Edward County - Sustainable Police Services Funding

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6.2. Kinross Great Bear - Community Contribution

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6.3. Deputy Mayor Appointment Protocol

7. MOTIONS (to be forward after applicable item)

8. ADJOURNMENT

March 13, 2026

Please be advised that during the regular Council meeting of March 10, 2026 the following resolution regarding OPP - Sustainable Police Services Funding was carried.

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-111

DATE: January 29, 2026

MOVED BY: Councillor Roberts

SECONDED BY: Councillor Hirsch

WHEREAS Ontario municipalities are required to maintain a police service or detachment board; and

WHEREAS policing is a provincially legislated responsibility, yet municipalities are bearing the brunt of rising costs to implement provincial mandates;

WHEREAS the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO) has asserted that the fiscal framework enabling municipalities provided critical policing and public safety services is broken, and AMO requests an urgent update of the provincial-municipal fiscal relationship;

WHEREAS double digit increases in municipal annual Ontario Provincial Police (OPP) budgets are unsustainable, especially as Ontario municipal police services tackle provincial responsibilities such as mental health, addictions, and homelessness challenges that place police resources under enormous financial strain;

WHEREAS municipalities across Ontario are experiencing increased police operating and capital costs directly related to new compliance and operational standards required under the Community Safety and Policing Act, 2019 (the Act);

WHEREAS the costs of other measures such as providing provincial court security are increasing and are not part of providing core, adequate and effective municipal policing; and

WHEREAS rural municipalities are especially negatively impacted by these developments;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Council of the County of Prince Edward (Council) requests that the Province provide financial assistance to municipalities to offset all additional costs directly and demonstrably incurred as a result of compliance with the Act and not general increases to police budgets; and

THAT Council urges the Province of Ontario to expeditiously review and reform its current police grant programs to ensure a more equitable distribution of funding to municipalities, so that communities with changing populations and expanding service demands receive fair and sustainable provincial support; and



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THAT this resolution of Council be forwarded to the Premier of Ontario, the Solicitor General of Ontario, the Minister of Municipal Affairs and Housing, the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), the Rural Ontario Municipal Association (ROMA), Eastern Ontario Wardens' Caucus (EOWC), the Ontario Association of Police Services Boards (OAPSB), and all Ontario municipalities for endorsement.

CARRIED

Yours truly,

Catalina Blumenberg, **CLERK**

cc: Mayor Steve Ferguson, Councillor Roberts, Councillor Hirsch





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Attn:

Mayor Fred Mota, Municipality of Red Lake
CC: Michelle Hendry, Chief Administrative Officer

Re: Community Safety & Well-Being Plan

Mental Health & Addictions Support - Community Investment

March 11, 2026

Dear Mayor Mota,

At Kinross Great Bear, our goal is to create positive social benefits and enhance the quality of life in the communities where we operate. The Great Bear Project team is committed to making meaningful contributions to our local communities.

Recently, we have been made aware of suicide, addictions, and mental health crises occurring in communities across northern Ontario. We know the Municipality, in collaboration with the Township of Ear Falls, has developed a Community Safety and Well-being Plan in order to have a focused path towards community well-being.

At Kinross Great Bear, we recognize the urgent need for mental health and addictions support, and we want to emphasize our commitment to supporting communities, with hopes of building a better and brighter future. To reflect this commitment, we wish to make a contribution of **\$50,000** to support Mental Health and Addictions support in the Municipality of Red Lake, that meets the following goals:

- Locally developed in collaboration with Kinross Great Bear;
- Are administered BY the communities, FOR the communities;
- Address local needs and issues related to mental health and addictions;
- Focus on providing services for youth; and
- Will have the goal of creating long-term sustainable strategies or initiatives.

We look forward to collaborating with your team to identify how best to utilize this contribution. Once a strategy has been agreed to, we can distribute the funds to the appropriate organizations.

Sincerely,

Signed by:

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Eric Lamontagne".

Eric Lamontagne,

Senior Advisor, Canada Projects - Kinross Gold – Great Bear Project