

Mayoral Decision 2025-15

Date: Wednesday, November 26, 2025

Re: Decision regarding budget amendments and exercising Mayor's veto

WHEREAS section 7 of O. Reg 530/22 under the Municipal Act, 2001, S.O. 2001 (the "Act") prescribes process for proposing and adopting an annual budget on or before February 1 each year;

AND WHEREAS in accordance with section 7(1) of O. Reg 530/22, the 2026 Operating and Capital Budget was provided to each member of Council, Clerk and the public on November 11, 2025;

AND WHEREAS in accordance with section 7(5), Loyalist Township Council met on November 18, 2025 and November 26, 2025 to consider the proposed Budget and make amendments. Loyalist Township Council further passed a resolution to shorten its amendment period to expire on November 26, 2025;

AND WHEREAS as per section 7(6-7), within 10 days after the expiry of the Council amendment period, the Mayor may veto a resolution passed by Council and may shorten the 10-day period by providing to each Member of Council and to the Clerk a written document specifying a shorter period; and

NOW THEREFORE I, Jim Hegadorn, Mayor of Loyalist Township hereby confirm that:

1. I have shortened the time period for a mayoral veto of the budget amendment pursuant to subsection 7(7) of O. Reg 530/22 to less than 1 day, expiring on Wednesday, November 26, 2025 and hereby indicate no intention to issue a veto to any 2026 Budget amendments made by Council.
2. That the 2026 general rate operating budget be adopted as follows:
 - a) 2026 Gross Township Expenditures in the amount of \$36,090,510
 - b) 2026 Township General Levy requirement of \$24,457,260
3. The 2026 service area operating budgets be adopted as follows:
 - a) \$1,559,350 for Amherstview Transit
 - b) \$7,028,350 for Amherst Island Ferry
 - c) \$12,727,200 for Utilities



4. The Amherstview Transit special area tax rate remain the same as 2025 at .00058900
5. The 2026 General Rate Capital Budget be adopted totaling \$10,039,663
6. The 2026 Utilities Capital Budget be adopted totaling \$9,905,534
7. That staff be directed to prepare the required tax rate by-law for a future council meeting.

Sincerely,

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