

Township of North Kawartha

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Report to Council

To: Mayor and Council Members
From: Gary Gerald, Director of Parks and Recreation / Waste Management
Date: August 20, 2026
Subject: Dangerous Trees – Glen Alda Cemetery and North Kawartha Health Centre

Recommendation:

That Council authorize the Township to engage a certified local arborist to remove the identified hazardous trees located at Glen Alda Cemetery, the North Kawartha Health Centre, and 66 Northey's Bay Road, and that the required funding be drawn from the General Reserves.

Background:

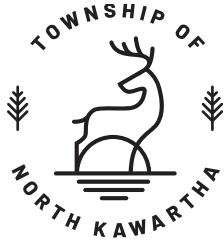
The Township recently assumed ownership of the Glen Alda Cemetery on Rusaw Road. During a site inspection, several dead trees were identified that pose a risk of falling onto adjacent private property, potentially resulting in significant damage.

In addition, Township staff identified dead and hazardous trees at the North Kawartha Health Centre, as well as a large hazardous maple tree located behind Fire Hall 1 and the Wilson Park Community Centre.

These trees present a significant risk to surrounding property and infrastructure and should be removed in a safe and timely manner to mitigate potential liability and damage.

Analysis:

Township staff routinely removes and chips dead or hazardous trees located on municipal property. However, the services of a certified arborist are retained when tree removal presents elevated safety concerns or the potential for significant property damage.



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The hazardous trees at Glen Alda Cemetery require specialized removal techniques, including the use of a crane, due to their proximity to neighbouring property and fencing.

Similarly, the identified trees at the North Kawartha Health Centre are located in close proximity to hydro and/or telecommunications infrastructure, necessitating professional arborist services.

The arborist also identified additional dead poplar and white pine trees located behind the Health Centre that require removal. These trees are not included in the current recommendation and are proposed for consideration in the 2027 Budget at an estimated cost of \$3,000 plus applicable taxes.

Financial Implications:

Glen Alda Cemetery:	\$6,000.00
Health Centre and 66 Northey's Bay Rd.	<u>\$3,600.00</u>
Total Transfer from General Reserves	\$9,600.00 plus applicable taxes.

Note: The NKHC tree removal cost deferred to 2027 is \$3,000.00 plus applicable taxes.

Strategic and/or Other Plans:

Infrastructure

1. Ensure that the existing infrastructure is sustained reflective of the Asset Management Plan.

Governance

1. Provide Quality Community Programs and Services.

Environment

1. Promote Responsible Environmental Stewardship.

Consultant(s) Sourced:

Local Arborists

Shawn Tucker, Parks and Recreation Supervisor

Attachment:

None