

Township of North Kawartha

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Report to Council

To: Mayor and Council Members
From: Kelly Picken, Clerk
Date: September 1, 2026
Subject: Declaration of Vacancy

Recommendation:

That the Township of North Kawartha Council declare the North Kawartha Councillor Ward 1 seat vacant for the remainder of the 2022-2026 Term.

Background:

It is with profound sadness that we share the passing of Councillor Jim O'Shea, on Thursday, August 6, 2026. Councillor O'Shea was a North Kawartha Councillor since 2014 and his dedication to the North Kawartha community is inspiring.

The Municipal Act specifies that the municipality must formally declare the seat vacant within their next two meetings.

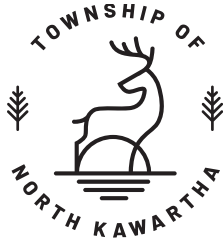
Analysis:

The Municipal Act, 200, Section 263 states that a seat on a municipal council is declared vacant upon the resignation or death of a council member. If a vacancy occurs within 90 days before voting day of a regular election, the municipality is not required to fill the vacancy.

Furthermore, Section 262 (1) states "If the office of member of a council becomes vacant under section 259, the council shall at its next meeting declare the office to be vacant, except if a vacancy occurs as a result of the death of a member, the declaration may be made at either of the next two meetings"

Financial Implications:

n/a



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Strategic and/or Other Plans:

3. Governance – Maintain a Strong, Accountable Municipal Government

Consultant(s) Sourced:

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Attachment:

None