



MUNICIPALITY OF NORTH GRENVILLE
HEALTH, WELLNESS, FITNESS AND ACTIVE TRANSPORTATION
ADVISORY COMMITTEE MINUTES

March 10, 2026, 5:00 p.m.
Held in Meeting Room 1, 285 County Road 44

MEMBERS PRESENT Co-Chair Tanya Deans
Councillor Deb Wilson
Michael Amirault
Robert Angi
Amy Culhane
Anne Jesseau
Robert Matheson
Charles McDonald
Laura Fortune
Nick Charman
Veronica Rusch

MEMBERS ABSENT Co-Chair Councillor Doreen O'Sullivan
Mayor Nancy Peckford

STAFF PRESENT Senterre McKenna, Committee Clerk

A. CALL TO ORDER

In the absence of Co-Chairs T. Deans and Councillor D. O'Sullivan, the committee selected M. Amirault as Acting Chair.

The meeting was called to order at 5:03 p.m.

B. LAND ACKNOWLEDGEMENT

Acting Chair M. Amirault read the land acknowledgment.

C. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

A round of introductions was held for the newest members.

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Moved By Charles McDonald

Seconded By Robert Matheson

THAT the Agenda for March 10, 2026 be approved, as presented.

CARRIED

D. DECLARATION OF PECUNIARY INTEREST AND GENERAL NATURE THEREOF

There were no declarations of pecuniary interest or general nature thereof.

E. DEPUTATIONS

There were no deputations.

F. MINUTES OF PREVIOUS MEETING

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Moved By Robert Angi

Seconded By Charles McDonald

THAT the Minutes of the February 10, 2026 meeting be adopted, as presented.

CARRIED

G. REPORTS AND DECISION ITEMS

1. Terms of Reference

The Terms of Reference were reviewed with the newest members. It was noted that the membership has been increased to a maximum of 11 members, as an exception approved by Council for the remainder of the term.

2. 2026 Enhanced Workplan

The public meeting held on March 9 regarding the Mobility Master Plan (MMP) was attended by Member Anne Jesseau. Councillor D. Wilson noted that not all members received the communication about this meeting related to the Active Transportation Master Plan. Member A. Jesseau noted that there was a online survey open at the time of the meeting for public feedback.

Members asked whether advisory committees could review any ongoing plans and related documents to the upcoming MMP, as they feel that including an advisory committee perspective would be

beneficial. They also referred to the document shared at the last meeting, “Creating a More Inclusive Ontario,” and commented that these themes have been raised by this committee over several years. Councillor D. Wilson confirmed that Municipal staff will be attending a conference which is focused on age-friendly communities.

Councillor D. Wilson further noted that a seniors’ program grant has been approved for a senior’s event to be held at the Pte. Blake Williamson Memorial Hall. This will be a free program for seniors beginning in a few weeks.

Member L. Fortune observed that some other communities offer free services and events for teens, and she will coordinate a delegation to the committee at a future meeting to discuss this.

Members expressed concerns about the lack of bike paths and child-friendly active transportation options and emphasized the need to support growth that fosters a more walkable and cyclable community.

H. CORRESPONDENCE

There were no items of correspondence.

I. ADJOURNMENT

Members discussed facilities and amenities they would like to see in the community, including:

- Community indoor pool
- Walking trail
- Sports dome
- Greater focus on trails and cycle paths
- More walkable neighbourhoods
- An additional ice pad
- More community events for seniors
- Expanded health care services
- Improved waterway accessibility

Councillor D. Wilson noted that Oxford Station Park had requested a shade structure, which has been added to the 2026 budget. She also commented that additional ice pads would be well-used and supported by many sports groups, and that there is community interest in an indoor lacrosse program.

An indoor pool was identified as a benefit to the community, and it was observed that a new hospital will be needed in the near future.

Member M. Amirault commented that he believes County Road 43 will need to be expanded beyond Somerville Road toward Merrickville before long, due to increased population.

There was a general discussion about community growth, with members highlighting the need to plan for future expansion, additional services, and supports.

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Moved By Robert Angi

Seconded By Charles McDonald

THAT we do now adjourn at 6:20p.m. to meet again on April 14, 2026 or at the call of the Chair.

CARRIED

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