



**MUNICIPALITY OF NORTH GRENVILLE
INDIGENOUS ADVISORY COMMITTEE MINUTES**

**March 19, 2026, 4:30 p.m.
Held in Meeting Room 1, 285 County Road 44**

MEMBERS PRESENT Lorraine Rekmans
Phillip Seymour
Sarah Tuck
Chris Wilson
Haleigh McKenzie

MEMBERS ABSENT Patti McDonald

STAFF PRESENT Hillary Geneau, Director of Corporate Strategy

OTHERS PRESENT Émilie Roy
Tom Graham
Amanda Wilson, Strategic Initiatives Coordinator

A. CALL TO ORDER

The meeting was called to order by consensus at 4:34 p.m.

B. OPENING PRAYER

Member Phillip Seymour led the opening prayer.

C. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA

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THAT the Agenda for March 19, 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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THAT the Minutes of the February 19, 2026 meeting be adopted, as presented.

G. REPORTS AND DECISION ITEMS

1. Terms of Reference

The terms of reference were briefly reviewed.

2. Canoe Update

The members agreed to continue with the canoe installation on the County Road 43 Bridge with the large sign at Anniversary Park and a small sign if possible on the bridge for those in water crafts. The members also discussed asking for the bridge to be named "Jiimaan Bridge".

3. Upcoming Events

The members reviewed plans for the upcoming Equinox event and a potential beading event on May 1 or 2.

Members also asked about the upcoming Mayor's Address and flagged that a land acknowledgement was not given at a previous event.

Member Sarah Tuck discussed an upcoming palliative care event in Ottawa that she will report back on.

4. Climate Action Plan

The members reviewed the Climate Action Plan documents and provided the following feedback:

- Use a forest first approach
- Growth and sustainability can be contradictory
- The community has to be able to sustain those that are here
- Change "North Grenville has committed to ensuring sustainable growth and preserving the natural environment" to "North Grenville has committed to ensuring sustainable growth by preserving the natural environment"
- Need to minimize and reduce the impact of growth
- We want intentional growth not sustainable
- Green bin expansion should include local composting, expanding what we can compost

- Review recycling practices (cardboard not getting picked up at condos)
- Waste reduction education needed, including reducing general consumption and supporting a circular economy
- Need to protect water and consider the impact of microplastics

5. Visioning Exercise

The members reviewed the vision document.

H. CORRESPONDENCE

There were no items of correspondence.

I. ADJOURNMENT

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THAT we do now adjourn at 6:55 p.m. to meet again on April 16, 2026.

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