



## SUPPLEMENTARY AGENDA COUNCIL MEETING Wednesday, June 10, 2026

A Regular Meeting of Council will be held on Wednesday, June 10, 2026 at 1:00 PM, in a hybrid format from the Council Chambers, Municipal Offices, Port Carling, Ontario.

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As provided in the Council Procedural By-law the following items shall be considered in addition to those published in the Regular Agenda. The supplementary Agenda shall be verbally acknowledged by the Mayor or Chair and a resolution shall not be required.

### SUPPLEMENTARY AGENDA ITEMS OF BUSINESS

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| a. | 6.a. PUBLIC COMMENTS (MAXIMUM 5 MINUTES)<br>John Crowley, Moon River Property Owners Association<br>Re: Bala Community Reserve funds<br><a href="#">Presentation</a><br><a href="#">Speaking Notes</a>           | 2 - 9 |
| b. | 11.b.5. By-law 2026-064, being a by-law of the Township of Muskoka Lakes to amend By-law 2025-108 to provide policies for the procurement of goods, services and construction<br><a href="#">By-law 2026-064</a> | 10    |

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# Delegation to TML Council

## Bala Community Reserve Fund

June 10, 2026



BALA FALLS RD  
MUSKOKA RD 38  
KANEN'KEHAKA IOHATATIE  
BALA FALLS PUB  
JACK & STELLA  
OVER THE MOON RESTAURANT

1000-1039

COMMUNITY  
SAFETY  
ZONE  
FINES  
INCREASED





DUNN'S STATION

COFFEE HOUSE

NO PARKING  
EXCEPT  
AS SHOWN





Purk's Place

BOAT RENTALS

LIVE BAIT

FISHING TACKLE

PURK'S

ICE

18-2973

My Name is John Crowley at 1018 Sandor Dr Bala

Mayor Kelley, and Members of Council,

I am very appreciative of the opportunity to speak to you on this very important topic.

I am the President of the Moon River Property Owners Association - MRPOA. But in this instance I feel I am speaking not just for our members, but the Community of Bala itself, on the matter of the Bala Community Reserve Fund.

What MRPOA started as a small initiative to garner feedback on the May G&F committee decision took on a life of its own. We recognize that the volume of correspondence directed to individual councillors' inboxes is significant — and we want to acknowledge, without reservation, that inundating your offices was not our intent. We are genuinely sorry for the disruption to your work, and we take responsibility for the energy we helped direct.

That said, I feel it would be a disservice to you and to the Bala community to allow that apology to obscure what that response represents. Community involvement through an organic, word-of-mouth call to action. Out of the more than 100 emails, some 42% were from the community at large and **NOT** Moon river residents. There were also many prominent Bala business owners who chimed in. That diversity is Important. And it's why I feel I can speak today on behalf of the Community, and not just Moon River residents.

The signal is unmistakable: Bala residents care deeply about how this fund is used.

I have heard Mayor Kelley several times over the past year or so say that this fund should not be used for things the Township would pay for anyways - Infrastructure type projects.

You might ask, why we didn't offer an alternative project to the Floating Finger docks and Beautification to the Bala bay dock area. We cant right now. Uniquely, the 2nd and 3rd choices of the survey are off the table because they were funded separately after the survey closed. So the survey results as they exist are not fully reflective of the community wishes.

We suggest a re-think of how these funds could be used.

I feel, as others, that these funds could be used to create Legacy projects that benefit residents and visitors alike. Projects that reflect our history and culture. And we have so much of it. Dunn's Pavilion; The Kee; So may artists like Louis Armstrong and Kim Mitchel; The summer train station, The steamships docking; Purks's Place; Bush's Ski school established in 1979; 35 years of the Trek to Bethlehem Christmas pageant; The Cranberry festival. And, so many others. Bala is a little town with a big past.

Think of spending the \$192,000 in a culturally interactive way, promoting interest to the sights and senses of Bala, meaningful installations as reminders of its past, ready for the future. Never losing its charm and cottage small town vibe BUT with very engaging, perhaps interactive, displays to draw people and create an epic vibe, a Win Win for it's businesses and users of the place...Where everyone gets to experience all that is Bala.

I point to the Port Carling Mural wall as an iconic part of the that town where people gather to reflect the past and the present that it depicts.

NEXT SLIDE PLS. Here are photos of some structures in Bala that could be building blocks for those legacy projects. {Mural on the train bridge and tunnel}

NEXT SLIDE PLS. NEXT SLIDE PLS. {Music Museum for Dunn's Pavilion and the Kee} Not just one, but several projects to showcase the town of Bala at its best.

NEXT SLIDE PLS. {Wall of fame of musical performers}

NEXT SLIDE PLS. {Interactive display at Purks Place}

At this point in time - mid June, there is little chance that new floating docks could be tendered, procured and installed for this summer. Especially with the dock and boathouse damage on Lake Muskoka. Contractors are busy with that work. There IS time to re-visit this and get something done for next summer.

We are strongly suggesting a revised survey be conducted by the Township. With new questions on the direction and desire from the community. The last survey was done in 30 days. So could this one.

I would welcome the opportunity to form a small community based committee, to work closely with Mr. Cox developing questions of what these funds could accomplish for Bala. A committee of 3-4 towns people each representing a different part of the community - A Moon River Resident, A Bala Bay Lake Muskoka resident, Someone who lives right in town, A business owner. With such an opportunity for the benefit of Bala, I have no doubt we'll be able to find volunteers.

I offer myself to chair this small committee. Not as MRPOA President John, but Citizen John. It doesn't have to be me, but I would be pleased to serve.

In conclusion, My ask, our ask, is that council defer the decision on spending the Bala Community Reserve fund, and Permit a new Township survey with co-operative input from a Community Committee to explore a vision and ideas for \$192,000 of Legacy projects and report back to Council.

Thankyou.

**THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MUSKOKA LAKES**

**BY-LAW NO. 2026-064**

**Being a by-law of the Township of Muskoka Lakes to amend By-law 2025-108 to provide policies for the procurement of goods, services and construction.**

**WHEREAS** the Province of Ontario has issued the Municipal Buy Ontario Procurement Directive under the Buy Ontario Act, 2025, requiring municipalities to give preference to procurement which benefits businesses in Ontario and Canada;

**AND WHEREAS** By-law 2025-108 was passed prior to the issuance of the Directive;

**AND WHEREAS** the township's procurement policy must be updated to reflect these new requirements;

**NOW THEREFORE THE COUNCIL OF THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF MUSKOKA LAKES ENACTS AS FOLLOWS:**

THAT By-law 2025-108 be amended by adding the following WHEREAS clause:

AND WHEREAS the Province of Ontario issued the Municipal Buy Ontario Procurement Directive requiring the municipal sector to prioritize Ontario and Canadian goods and services in procurements of light-duty vehicles and capital infrastructure.

Read a **first, second and third time and finally passed** this **13<sup>th</sup> day of May, 2026.**

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Mayor Peter Kelley

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Crystal Best-Sararas, Clerk