

Municipality of Hastings Highlands Mayoral Directive To Staff MDI-2025-01

Direction To Prepare 2026 Hastings Highlands Budgets

Whereas the Mayor has the authority to make certain decisions under Part VI. 1 (Special Powers and Duties of Head of Council) of the *Municipal Act, 2001* ("Act"); and

Whereas Section 284.3 (Directions to Municipal Employees), the Mayor is assigned the power to direct staff in writing; and,

Whereas Section 284.16 of the *Municipal Act* and Section 7 of the Ontario Regulation 530/22, the Mayor shall, on or before February 1 of each year prepare a proposed budget for the Municipality and provide a proposed budget to Council for its consideration.

- I, Tony Fitzgerald, Mayor of the Municipality of Hastings Highlands hereby direct the Treasurer or designate to:
 - 1. Prepare a budget schedule to be presented to Council on October 15, 2025.
 - 2. Prepare an Administrative Recommended 2026 Capital Budget and 2026 Operating Budget, following practices and processes that generally conform with the budget and business planning processes used in previous years: and
 - 3. Schedule meetings and publish agendas for Council as in previous years.

Dated: October 1, 2025

This mayoral direction remains in effect until modified or revoked.

Tony Entzgerald, Mayor