



**AUGUSTA TOWNSHIP  
SPECIAL MEETING  
OF COUNCIL  
June 9, 2025, at 3:00 P.M.**

**REGULAR COUNCIL**

A. Call to Order

B. Approval of Agenda

Recommendation: **BE IT RESOLVED THAT** the agenda for the Special Meeting of Council for Monday, June 9, 2025 be adopted.

C. Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest and General Nature Thereof

D. Delegations and Presentations

- North Augusta Ball Diamond Lights – Jenny Smith

E. Staff Reports

Operations and Recreation

- Report 2025-069 – North Augusta Infrastructure

F. Questions on Agenda Items for the Press

G. Questions on Agenda Items for the Public

H. By-Law to confirm Proceedings of Council

Recommendation: **BE IT RESOLVED THAT** By-Law Numbered 3787-2025 confirm the proceedings of the Special Meeting of Council of the Township of Augusta held on June 9, 2025, be read a first time, a second time, a third time, and be enacted as read.

I. Adjournment

Recommendation: **BE IT RESOLVED THAT** this Special Meeting of Council meeting do now adjourn at \_\_\_\_\_.



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**DELEGATION REQUEST TO APPEAR BEFORE COUNCIL**

Name of Individual/Organization: Jenny Smith - Director @ NARC

Council Meeting Date Requested: June 9<sup>th</sup> @ 5:00 PM

Topic: (If necessary, please attach additional correspondence)

- Infrastructure at the park in North Augusta

**Contact Information:**

Name (if different from above): Jenny Smith

Mailing Address: [Redacted] North Augusta ON.

Phone Number: [Redacted]

Email: [Redacted]

**NOTE:** All documents provided are open to the public. If you are providing communication to the township, please be aware that your name and information will appear on the Township's website and become part of the public record, unless you expressly request the Township to remove it. If requesting a closed (In-Camera) meeting with Council, the subject matter must meet the requirements of section 239(2) of the Municipal Act.

**Additional Information:**

1. Delegations on an agenda shall be determined on a first come, first serve basis.
2. No more than two (2) delegations shall be heard at any meeting.
3. Delegations shall be limited to ten (10) minutes of presentation time and five (5) minutes for questions.

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**REPORT NUMBER:** 2025-069  
**REPORT TO COUNCIL:** June 9, 2025  
**RE:** North Augusta Ball Diamond Light Poles  
**AUTHOR:** Shannon Geraghty, Chief Administrative Officer  
**RECOMMENDATION:**

**THAT** Council receive Staff Report 2025-069 and provide staff direction.

### BACKGROUND:

In March 2025 a light pole in North Augusta was damaged due to high winds which resulted in the pole coming down and damaging the lights. Staff proceeded to source a pole through RSL Distribution Inc. which do not carry 60-foot Class 3 poles and were not successful due to the demands of poles from the recent storms in April 2025. At that time, staff proceeded with finding a short-term solution to address the lighting gap in the field by retaining Beattie Dukelow Electric to move the lights on the other 3 outfield poles to correct the issue.



As there were no records of past maintenance or history of the poles in North Augusta or the other ball diamonds, Council directed staff to move forward with assessing the poles in North Augusta (outfield) and assess the remaining poles throughout the Township for asset management and budgeting purposes.

### DISCUSSION:

The North Augusta Ball Diamonds consists of 4 poles in the outfield (1 failed in March 2025) which has 8 lights in total ( 2 on each pole), and 4 poles in the infield behind the backstop consisting of 10 lights ( 2 each on 2 poles and 3 on 2 poles).

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It was identified in speaking with the North Augusta Recreation Committee that the outfield poles were installed sometime between 1992-1994 and at the time were repurposed poles donated by Hydro One. The infield poles were installed a few years after, and no other information was available.

Beattie Dukelow Electric were onsite and completed a visual of the poles, while completing a sound check and bore tests on all outfield poles from 5 feet above grade, and 5 feet from the top. They found the poles to be deteriorated considerably and recommended considering full replacement of the outfield poles.



In addition, the Township approved Mr. Brown to complete some additional testing underground based on his expertise with Hydro One and felt the base of the pole to be structurally sound and above 90% remaining strength. He indicated that a further inspection of the pole tops and strength rating be performed to make a more informed decision.

As a result of both tests, the Township moved forward with retaining a structural engineer, EFI Engineering, that completed further analysis, including reviewing both reports/emails. Derek Mersereau, P.Eng. (Ontario) has over 40 years of experience and indicated that in the professional opinion of EFI Engineering the poles are a risk to life safety. The only way to ensure public safety is to take the poles out of service immediately and replace them with new CSA-compliance units. Keeping the poles in place would be a Township-Assumed Risk which is not recommended.

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In conclusion, EFI Engineering advised that these poles have exceeded their expected lifespan by a significant margin. Their continued use introduces a material public safety risk that cannot be mitigated through visual inspection alone. While limited non-destructive testing by a self-reported knowledgeable person showed sufficient shell thickness at the base, this does not provide assurance against hidden internal decay or top-end failure. Given the advanced age of the poles, the repurposed nature, the lack of service history and maintenance, the already failed pole as a very significant data point, and the public safety involved, we do not believe that any firm could be found to made such a commitment.

Should Augusta Township elect to extend their use, such a decision must be accompanied by enhanced inspection protocols, documented monitoring, and full acceptance of all liability arising from potential failure.

Inspection Item	What to Look For
Pole Number / Location	Unique identifier for tracking
Inspection Date	Date of the inspection
Inspector Name	Who performed the inspection
Pole Tilt / Lean	Is the pole visibly leaning or shifting?
Surface Cracks (Checking)	Vertical cracks along the grain of the pole
Depth of Checking Cracks	Measure or estimate: shallow ( $\leq 1$ cm) or deep ( $> 1$ cm)?
Presence of Soft Wood at Base	Probe wood at base with screwdriver for softness
Visible Rot or Fungal Growth	Dark discoloration, mushrooms, or mold
Pole Top Condition (via binocular or drone)	Cracks, holes, or missing sections near top
Hardware Condition (brackets, crossarms)	Loose or missing bolts, shifted crossarms
Rust at Attachment Points	Rust bleeding or pressure distortion near metal parts
Unusual Sounds (hollow when tapped)	Use hammer tap: does the pole sound solid or hollow?
Surrounding Ground Disturbance	Cracks in soil, leaning footing, or erosion
Signs of Insect Activity	Frass, sawdust, or visible boring insects
Presence of Cavities or Holes	Bird nesting holes or unnatural voids
Changes Since Last Inspection	Any deterioration compared to last record
Photo Documentation Taken	Ensure photos are attached and dated
Comments or Concerns	Anything that warrants closer engineering review

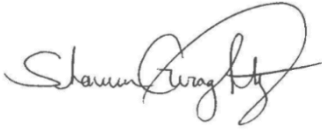
Based on the stamped engineer report, staff have been looking at options including 32 feet portable Tower Lights as a short-term measure, in addition to discussions with other suppliers for 4 – Class 3 poles along with LED lighting.

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### FINANCIAL CONSIDERATIONS:

There are currently no funds allocated in the 2025 Budget. To date approximately \$3,000 to \$5,000 have been incurred to complete the external review by Beattie Dukelow Electric and the Structural Condition Assessment by EFI Engineering.

Based on Council's direction, funding options available include the Parkland Reserve Fund (Unaudited 2024 balance \$46,737), Asset Management Reserve (\$316,140 as of December 31, 2025) or the bottom line of the 2025 capital expenses.



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Shannon Geraghty, CAO



**THE CORPORATION OF THE TOWNSHIP OF AUGUSTA  
BY-LAW NUMBER 3787-2025**

**BEING A BY-LAW TO CONFIRM THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE COUNCIL OF THE  
TOWNSHIP OF AUGUSTA AT ITS SPECIAL MEETING HELD ON JUNE 9, 2025**

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**WHEREAS** section 5(1) and 5(3) of the Municipal Act S.O. 2001 c.25 states that a municipal power including a municipality's capacity, rights, powers and privileges under section 9 shall be exercised by By-Law unless the municipality is specifically authorized to do otherwise;

**AND WHEREAS** it is deemed expedient that the proceedings of the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Augusta at this meeting be confirmed and adopted by By-Law;

**NOW THEREFORE** the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Augusta hereby enacts as follows that:

1. The action of the Council of the Corporation of the Township of Augusta at its Special Council meeting held on June 9, 2025 in respect of each recommendation contained in the report of the Committees and each motion and resolution passed and other action taken by Council of the Corporation of the Township of Augusta at its meeting be hereby adopted and confirmed as it fall such proceedings were expressly embodied in the By-Law.
2. The Mayor and the proper officers of the Municipality are hereby authorized and directed to do all things necessary to give effect to the said action or to obtain approvals where required, and except where otherwise provided, the Mayor and the Clerk are hereby directed to execute all documents necessary in that behalf, and the said Clerk is hereby authorized and directed to affix the Corporate Seal of the Municipality to all such documents.

Read a first, second, and third time and finally passed this 9<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2025.

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MAYOR

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CLERK