CORPORATION OF THE
TOWNSHIP OF NORTH GLENGARRY
Council Meeting

Date: Tuesday, October 13, 2026

Resolution No. 3

MOVED BY: Jamie MacDonald

SECONDED BY: Carma Williams

WHEREAS the Ministry of Long-Term Care is conducting a public consultation under Project #26-017 (Southbridge Cornwall 2) respecting an application to modify a long-term care home licence; and

WHEREAS the proposal would relocate the 70 licensed long-term care beds currently operating at The Palace in Alexandria to a new long-term care facility outside of the community, resulting in the closure of The Palace and the transfer of those licensed beds outside of North Glengarry; and

WHEREAS the Township of North Glengarry did not receive direct notification of the consultation process and did not receive any advance notice or information from the owner/operator regarding the proposed closure of The Palace or the relocation of the licensed long-term care beds outside of North Glengarry; and

WHEREAS The Palace is currently the only long-term care home operating in Alexandria and the proposed relocation would result in the loss of all 70 licensed long-term care beds from the community; and

WHEREAS Council is concerned that the permanent removal of these beds would reduce local access to long-term care services and diminish healthcare infrastructure available to current and future residents of North Glengarry; and

WHEREAS long-term care services are a critical component of the local healthcare system and support seniors in remaining close to their families, friends, caregivers and community supports when long-term care becomes necessary; and

WHEREAS the proposed relocation of the 70 licensed long-term care beds outside of North Glengarry would require many current and future residents to leave their community to access long-term care services; and

WHEREAS relocating these beds outside of North Glengarry would increase travel times for family members, friends and caregivers wishing to visit loved ones and may reduce opportunities for regular visitation and support; and

WHEREAS Council recognizes that maintaining close connections to family, friends and community is essential to the health, well-being and quality of life of long-term care residents and that increased separation from these supports may contribute to social isolation; and

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WHEREAS Council supports the modernization and redevelopment of long-term care facilities but believes that opportunities should be explored to maintain and expand long-term care capacity within North Glengarry rather than permanently relocating the community's licensed long-term care beds elsewhere;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT Council for the Township of North Glengarry formally opposes the proposed relocation of the 70 licensed long-term care beds from The Palace in Alexandria and the resulting loss of long-term care capacity in both Alexandria and the Township;

AND FURTHER THAT Council urges the Ministry of Long-Term Care to fully consider the social, community and healthcare impacts associated with removing long-term care capacity from North Glengarry, including the impacts on seniors, families, caregivers and the broader community;

AND FURTHER THAT Council requests that all reasonable options be explored to maintain and expand long-term care capacity within North Glengarry;

AND FURTHER THAT Council requests that the Ministry of Long-Term Care reject the proposed licence modification and relocation of the 70 licensed long-term care beds unless satisfactory measures are identified to maintain equivalent or greater long-term care capacity within North Glengarry;

AND FURTHER THAT this resolution be submitted as part of the Ministry's public consultation process for Project #26-017;

AND FURTHER THAT a copy of this resolution be forwarded to the Minister of Long-Term Care, MPP Stéphane Sarrazin, Hôpital Glengarry Memorial Hospital, the United Counties of Stormont, Dundas and Glengarry, local municipalities, and other interested stakeholders.

CARRIED DEFEATED DEFERRED

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MAYOR / DEPUTY MAYOR	YEA	NEA
Deputy Mayor: Carma Williams	___	___
Councillor: Jacques Massie	___	___
Councillor: Brian Caddell	___	___
Councillor: Jeff Manley	___	___
Councillor: Michael Madden	___	___
Councillor: Gary Martin	___	___
Mayor: Jamie MacDonald	___	___