General Committee Minutes

Council Chambers, City Hall

October 20, 2025

Present: Councillor Baldwin
Councillor Beamer, Chair
Councillor Bierk
Councillor Crowley (electronic)
Councillor Duguay (6:26 p.m.)
Councillor Haacke
Councillor Lachica
Mayor Leal
Councillor Parnell
Councillor Riel
Councillor Vassiliadis

Staff: Brad Appleby, Director, Planning, Development and Urban Design
Alan Barber, Director, Legal Services
Gillain Barnes, Director, Facilities and Property Management
Tanya Budgen, Manager, Recreation Events
Greg Falkner, Manager, Realty Services
Richard Freymond, Commissioner, Finance and Corporate Support Services
Natalie Garnett, Deputy City Clerk
Darryl Julott, Director, Economic Development
John Kennedy, City Clerk
Sheldon Laidman, Commissioner, Community Services
Rob McAulay, Director, Recreation Services
Blair Nelson, Commissioner, Infrastructure, Planning & Growth Management
David Potts, Commissioner, Legislative Services
Sriram Raman, Manager, Government Relations
Ilmar Simanovskis, Director, Municipal Operations
Colin Walsh, Coordinator, Heritage Programs
Brendan Wedley, Director, Strategic Communications & Service Peterborough

Open Session - 6:00 p.m., Council Chambers

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 p.m.

Adoption of Minutes

Moved by Councillor Vassiliadis

That the General Committee minutes from the meeting of September 15, 2025, be approved.

For (10): Councillor Baldwin, Councillor Beamer, Chair, Councillor Bierk, Councillor Crowley, Councillor Haacke, Councillor Lachica, Mayor Leal, Councillor Parnell, Councillor Riel, and Councillor Vassiliadis

Carried (10 to 0)

Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest

There were no disclosures of Pecuniary Interest.

Report of Closed Session

Land Acquisition

Moved by Councillor Parnell

That Council approve the recommendation outlined in Report LSRS25-016, dated October 20, 2025, of the Commissioner, Legislative Services as follows:

That, respecting a proposed land acquisition, staff be directed to proceed as outlined in Closed Session Report LSRS25-016 dated October 20, 2025, of the Commissioner, Legislative Services.

For (10): Councillor Baldwin, Councillor Beamer, Chair, Councillor Bierk, Councillor Crowley, Councillor Haacke, Councillor Lachica, Mayor Leal, Councillor Parnell, Councillor Riel, and Councillor Vassiliadis

Carried (10 to 0)

Land Acquisition

Moved by Councillor Vassiliadis

That Council approve the recommendation outlined in Report LSRS25-017, dated October 20, 2025, of the Commissioner, Legislative Services as follows:

That, respecting a proposed land acquisition, staff be directed to proceed as outlined in Closed Session Report LSRS25-017 dated October 20, 2025, of the Commissioner, Legislative Services.

For (10): Councillor Baldwin, Councillor Beamer, Chair, Councillor Bierk, Councillor Crowley, Councillor Haacke, Councillor Lachica, Mayor Leal, Councillor Parnell, Councillor Riel, and Councillor Vassiliadis

Carried (10 to 0)

Land Acquisition

Moved by Councillor Parnell

That Council approve the recommendation outlined in Report LSRS25-018, dated October 20, 2025, of the Commissioner, Legislative Services as follows:

That, respecting a proposed land acquisition, staff be directed to proceed as outlined in Closed Session Report LSRS25-018 dated October 20, 2025, of the Commissioner, Legislative Services.

For (10): Councillor Baldwin, Councillor Beamer, Chair, Councillor Bierk, Councillor Crowley, Councillor Haacke, Councillor Lachica, Mayor Leal, Councillor Parnell, Councillor Riel, and Councillor Vassiliadis

Carried (10 to 0)

Appointment

Moved by Mayor Leal

That Council approve the recommendations outlined in Report LSCLK25-019, dated October 20, 2025, of the City Clerk as follows:

a) That Council appoint the following individuals, as recommended below, for terms to November 2026,

b) Accessibility Advisory Committee (AAC) – Kinjal Shukla Clement, Patrick Steeves and Melissa Wilson,

c) Community Investment Grants Advisory Committee (CIGAC) – Joleen Edmondson, Dustin Harford, Jessica Kuhlmorgen-Hille, Jean-Luc Plante, Bryce Porter, Pauline Sandys, Sonam Soni and Thomas Vaccaro,

d) Peterborough Public Library (PPL)– Hannah Buck and Cecile Popp,

e) Planning Advisory Committee (PAC) – Jenny Lanciault,

f) Property Standards Committee (PSC) – Kelly Winters; and,

g) That the appointments of Elaine Anselmi, Sioux Lily, Laken MacFarlane, Barb Munro, Janette Loveys Smith, and Dylan Scott be rescinded.

For (10): Councillor Baldwin, Councillor Beamer, Chair, Councillor Bierk, Councillor Crowley, Councillor Haacke, Councillor Lachica, Mayor Leal, Councillor Parnell, Councillor Riel, and Councillor Vassiliadis

Carried (10 to 0)

Plan

Moved by Councillor Parnell

b) That staff be directed to continue conversations with the Art Gallery Board of Peterborough regarding relocation.

For (10): Councillor Baldwin, Councillor Beamer, Chair, Councillor Bierk, Councillor Crowley, Councillor Haacke, Councillor Lachica, Mayor Leal, Councillor Parnell, Councillor Riel, and Councillor Vassiliadis

Carried (10 to 0)

That Report CSRPCS25-002 be amended as follows:

a) That the report for the Art Gallery of Peterborough Relocation Request be received for information.

b) That staff be directed to continue conversations with the Art Gallery Board of Peterborough regarding relocation.

For (10): Councillor Baldwin, Councillor Beamer, Chair, Councillor Bierk, Councillor Crowley, Councillor Haacke, Councillor Lachica, Mayor Leal, Councillor Parnell, Councillor Riel, and Councillor Vassiliadis

Carried (10 to 0)

Plan

Moved by Councillor Baldwin

That Council approve the recommendation outlined in Report CSRPCS25-004, dated October 20, 2025 of the Commissioner of Community Services as follows:

That staff be authorized to proceed as outlined in Option C of Closed Session Report CSRPCS25-004 dated October 20, 2025 of the Commissioner, Community Services.

For (10): Councillor Baldwin, Councillor Beamer, Chair, Councillor Bierk, Councillor Crowley, Councillor Haacke, Councillor Lachica, Mayor Leal, Councillor Parnell, Councillor Riel, and Councillor Vassiliadis

Carried (10 to 0)

Consent Items

No items were passed as part of the Consent Agenda.

Committee Reports

Peterborough Tourism Implementation Update, Report FCSSCSP25-005

Moved by Councillor Bierk

c) WHEREAS the City of Peterborough is working to strengthen its tourism and events sector and support the vitality of the downtown and local businesses;

AND WHEREAS existing municipal by-laws, policies, and insurance requirements can create barriers to a wide range of tourism-related events that attract residents and visitors;

AND WHEREAS a review of these requirements would complement and support the ongoing implementation of the City's Tourism Strategy and related tourism initiatives;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT staff be directed to undertake a comprehensive review of relevant City by-laws, policies, and insurance requirements, in coordination with community partners, event organizers, and the Peterborough Downtown Business Improvement Area (DBIA), to identify potential amendments or alternative approaches that would make it easier to host and support tourism-related events across the city;

AND THAT staff report back to Council with recommended changes or improvement options as part of the ongoing tourism implementation work.

For (9): Councillor Baldwin, Councillor Beamer, Chair, Councillor Bierk, Councillor Crowley, Councillor Haacke, Councillor Lachica, Mayor Leal, Councillor Riel, and Councillor Vassiliadis

Against (2): Councillor Duguay, and Councillor Parnell

Carried (9 to 2)

Moved by Councillor Vassiliadis

That Report FCSSCSP25-005 be amended as follows:

a) That Report FCSSCSP25-005 be received for information;

b) That the Tourism Event Support Request Evaluation Criteria for assessing and prioritizing requests for tourism-related event support, attached as Appendix A, be endorsed; and,

c) WHEREAS the City of Peterborough is working to strengthen its tourism and events sector and support the vitality of the downtown and local businesses;

AND WHEREAS existing municipal by-laws, policies, and insurance requirements can create barriers to a wide range of tourism-related events that attract residents and visitors;

AND WHEREAS a review of these requirements would complement and support the ongoing implementation of the City's Tourism Strategy and related tourism initiatives;

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT staff be directed to undertake a comprehensive review of relevant City by-laws, policies, and insurance requirements, in coordination with community partners, event organizers, and the Peterborough Downtown Business Improvement Area (DBIA), to identify potential amendments or

alternative approaches that would make it easier to host and support tourism-related events across the city;

AND THAT staff report back to Council with recommended changes or improvement options as part of the ongoing tourism implementation work.

For (11): Councillor Baldwin, Councillor Beamer, Chair, Councillor Bierk, Councillor Crowley, Councillor Duguay, Councillor Haacke, Councillor Lachica, Mayor Leal, Councillor Parnell, Councillor Riel, and Councillor Vassiliadis

Carried (11 to 0)

Real Property Management and Partnership for Affordable Residential Development Policy Report, LSRS25-015

Moved by Councillor Bierk

d) The Mayor, together with the Co-Chairs of the Homelessness and Housing portfolio, be directed to meet with Reality Services staff on a quarterly basis to review the City's Real Property Inventory and identify idle or underused properties that may be suitable for affordable, supportive, or attainable housing partnerships.

For (11): Councillor Baldwin, Councillor Beamer, Chair, Councillor Bierk, Councillor Crowley, Councillor Duguay, Councillor Haacke, Councillor Lachica, Mayor Leal, Councillor Parnell, Councillor Riel, and Councillor Vassiliadis

Carried (11 to 0)

Moved by Councillor Bierk

That Report LSRS25-015 be amended as follows:

a) That the Real Property Management Policy attached as Appendix A to Report LSRS25-015 be approved.

b) That the City of Peterborough Housing Partnership Policy for Affordable Residential Development attached as Appendix B to Report LSRS25-015 be approved.

c) That Council repeal By-law 95-62 (By-Law to Establish Procedures Governing the Sale of Real Property) and that the Real Property Management Policy, as presented in Report LSRS25-015, be adopted in its place.

d) The Mayor, together with the Co-Chairs of the Homelessness and Housing portfolio, be directed to meet with Reality Services staff on a quarterly basis to review the City's Real Property Inventory and identify idle or underused properties that may be suitable for affordable, supportive, or attainable housing partnerships.

For (11): Councillor Baldwin, Councillor Beamer, Chair, Councillor Bierk, Councillor Crowley, Councillor Duguay, Councillor Haacke, Councillor Lachica, Mayor Leal, Councillor Parnell, Councillor Riel, and Councillor Vassiliadis

Carried (11 to 0)

2026 Meeting Schedule, Report LSCLK25-020

Moved by Councillor Lachica

That Council approve the recommendation outlined in Report LSCLK25-020, dated October 20, 2025 of the City Clerk as follows:

That Council approve the 2026 Council meeting schedule, attached as Appendix A to the report.

For (11): Councillor Baldwin, Councillor Beamer, Chair, Councillor Bierk, Councillor Crowley, Councillor Duguay, Councillor Haacke, Councillor Lachica, Mayor Leal, Councillor Parnell, Councillor Riel, and Councillor Vassiliadis

Carried (11 to 0)

Peterborough Housing Municipal Services Corporation Annual General Meeting, Report CSSS25-002

Moved by Mayor Leal

b) That the slate of Directors for the PHMSC, be approved as follows:

Mayor

First Deputy Mayor

Co-Chairs Community Services (not Homelessness)

Co-Chairs Finance and Corporate Support Services

Chair of Peterborough Housing Corporation

For (11): Councillor Baldwin, Councillor Beamer, Chair, Councillor Bierk, Councillor Crowley, Councillor Duguay, Councillor Haacke, Councillor Lachica, Mayor Leal, Councillor Parnell, Councillor Riel, and Councillor Vassiliadis

Carried (11 to 0)

Moved by Mayor Leal

That Council approve the recommendations outlined in report CSSS25-002, dated October 20, 2025 as amended, as follows:

a) That the report be received for information;

b) That the slate of directors for the PHMSC, as amended, attached as Appendix A, be approved;

c) That By-laws No 1 and 2 for the PHMSC, in the form attached, as Appendix B, be approved;

d) That the appointment of Baker Tilly LLP as auditors for the PHMSC be approved;

e) That the Shareholder Resolution, as attached as Appendix C be approved;

f) That the Shareholder Direction, attached as Appendix D, be approved;

g) That the Shareholder authorize the PHMSC's Treasurer and its Secretary to execute a Property Management Agreement between the PHMSC and Peterborough Housing Corporation;

h) That the Shareholder authorize the PHMSC's Treasurer and its Secretary to execute an Administrative Services Agreement between the PHMSC and the City on terms satisfactory to the Commissioner of Community Services and in forms acceptable to the City Solicitor; and

i) That Council authorize the Mayor and Clerk, on behalf of the City, to execute an Administrative Services Agreement between the PHMSC and the City on terms satisfactory to the Commissioner of Community Services and in forms acceptable to the City Solicitor.

For (11): Councillor Baldwin, Councillor Beamer, Chair, Councillor Bierk, Councillor Crowley, Councillor Duguay, Councillor Haacke, Councillor Lachica, Mayor Leal, Councillor Parnell, Councillor Riel, and Councillor Vassiliadis

Carried (11 to 0)

Delegated Authority to Adjust User Fees, Report CSRPS25-006

Moved by Councillor Duguay

That Council approve the recommendations outlined in Report CSRPCS25-006 dated October 20, 2025 of the Commissioner of Community Services as follows:

a) That the Commissioner, Community Services and the Director, Recreation, Parks and Cultural Services be delegated authority to apply user fee rates within the Recreation, Parks and Cultural Services division as a pre-approved maximum rate structure and as approved by Council through the annual user fee By-Law.

b) That staff be directed to complete a financial analysis outlining the anticipated revenue and expenses associated with the purchase of entertainment, tourism and bid opportunities which have a pre-commitment value of $25,000 or more; and

c) That following the receipt of the prepared financial analysis, the Director, Recreation, Parks and Cultural Services , the Commissioner of Community Services, and the Commissioner of Finance and Corporate Support Services be delegated authority to approve funds and execute such documents associated with the purchase of various entertainment, tourism and bid opportunities with an associated pre-commitment value of less than $250,000 CDN; and

d) That purchase opportunities, with an associated pre-commitment value of more than $250,000 CDN, require specific Council direction prior to undertaking commitments.

For (11): Councillor Baldwin, Councillor Beamer, Chair, Councillor Bierk, Councillor Crowley, Councillor Duguay, Councillor Haacke, Councillor Lachica, Mayor Leal, Councillor Parnell, Councillor Riel, and Councillor Vassiliadis

Carried (11 to 0)

Designation of 310-314 George Street North, Report IPGPL25-050

Moved by Councillor Lachica

That Council approve the recommendations outlined in Report IPGPL25-050, dated October 20, 2025 of the Commissioner of Infrastructure, Planning and Growth Management as follows:

a) That the recommendation of the Peterborough Architectural Conservation Advisory Committee (PACAC) that Council designate the property at 310-314 George Street North as a heritage property under Part IV, Section 29 of the Ontario Heritage Act R.S.O. 1990, c.O.18 being of "cultural heritage value or interest" be received; and,

b) That Council take the following actions should it concur with the recommendation of the PACAC to designate the property at 310-314 George Street North as a heritage property under Part IV, Section 29 of the Ontario Heritage Act R.S.O. 1990, c.O.18 being of cultural heritage value or interest:

i. Serve Notice of Intention to Designate 310-314 George Street North and provide public notice of that intention in a newspaper having general circulation in the municipality as per the Ontario Heritage Act R.S.O. 1990, c.O.18, s.31 (3);

ii. Serve the owner of the property to be designated and the Ontario Heritage Trust with a Notice of Intention to Designate as per the Ontario Heritage Act R.S.O. 1990, c.O.18, s.21 (3).

For (10): Councillor Baldwin, Councillor Beamer, Chair, Councillor Bierk, Councillor Crowley, Councillor Duguay, Councillor Lachica, Mayor Leal, Councillor Parnell, Councillor Riel, and Councillor Vassiliadis

Against (1): Councillor Haacke

Carried (10 to 1)

Designation of 450 George Street North, Report IPGPL25-051

Moved by Councillor Lachica

That Council approve the recommendations outlined in Report IPGPL25-051, dated October 20, 2025, of the Commissioner of Infrastructure, Planning and Growth Management as follows:

a) That the recommendation of the Peterborough Architectural Conservation Advisory Committee (PACAC) that Council designate the property at 450 George Street North as a heritage property under Part IV, Section 29 of the Ontario Heritage Act R.S.O. 1990, c.O.18 being of "cultural heritage value or interest" be received; and,

b) That Council take the following actions should it concur with the recommendation of the PACAC to designate the property at 450 George Street North as a heritage property under Part IV, Section 29 of the Ontario Heritage Act R.S.O. 1990, c.O.18 being of cultural heritage value or interest:

i. Serve Notice of Intention to Designate 450 George Street North and provide public notice of that intention in a newspaper having general circulation in the municipality as per the Ontario Heritage Act R.S.O. 1990, c.O.18, s.31 (3);

ii. Serve the owner of the property to be designated and the Ontario Heritage Trust with a Notice of Intention to Designate as per the Ontario Heritage Act R.S.O. 1990, c.O.18, s.21 (3).

For (10): Councillor Baldwin, Councillor Beamer, Chair, Councillor Bierk, Councillor Crowley, Councillor Duguay, Councillor Lachica, Mayor Leal, Councillor Parnell, Councillor Riel, and Councillor Vassiliadis

Against (1): Councillor Haacke

Carried (10 to 1)

Designation of 384-388 George Street North, Report IPGPL25-054

Moved by Councillor Bierk

That Council approve the recommendations outlined in Report IPGPL25-054, dated October 20, 2025, of the Commissioner, Infrastructure, Planning and Growth Management as follows:

a) That the recommendation of the Peterborough Architectural Conservation Advisory Committee (PACAC) that Council designate the property at 384-388 George Street North as a heritage property under Part IV, Section 29 of the Ontario Heritage Act R.S.O. 1990, c.O.18 being of "cultural heritage value or interest" be received; and,

b) That Council take the following actions should it concur with the recommendation of the PACAC to designate the property at 384-388 George Street North as a heritage property under Part IV, Section 29 of the Ontario Heritage Act R.S.O. 1990, c.O.18 being of cultural heritage value or interest:

i. Serve Notice of Intention to Designate 384-388 George Street North and provide public notice of that intention in a newspaper having general circulation in the municipality as per the Ontario Heritage Act R.S.O. 1990, c.O.18, s.31 (3);

ii. Serve the owner of the property to be designated and the Ontario Heritage Trust with a Notice of Intention to Designate as per the Ontario Heritage Act R.S.O. 1990, c.O.18, s.21 (3).

For (10): Councillor Baldwin, Councillor Beamer, Chair, Councillor Bierk, Councillor Crowley, Councillor Duguay, Councillor Lachica, Mayor Leal, Councillor Parnell, Councillor Riel, and Councillor Vassiliadis

Against (1): Councillor Haacke

Carried (10 to 1)

Designation of 359 Hunter Street West, Report IPGPL25-052

Moved by Councillor Lachica

That Council approve the recommendations outlined in Report IPGPL25-052, dated October 20, 2025, of the Commissioner of Infrastructure, Planning and Growth Management as follows:

a) That the recommendation of the Peterborough Architectural Conservation Advisory Committee (PACAC) that Council designate the property at 359 Hunter Street West as a heritage property under Part IV, Section 29 of the Ontario Heritage Act R.S.O. 1990, c.O.18 being of "cultural heritage value or interest" be received; and,

b) That Council take the following actions should it concur with the recommendation of the PACAC to designate the property at 359 Hunter Street West as a heritage property under Part IV, Section 29 of the Ontario Heritage Act R.S.O. 1990, c.O.18 being of cultural heritage value or interest:

i. Serve Notice of Intention to Designate 359 Hunter Street West and provide public notice of that intention in a newspaper having general circulation in the municipality as per the Ontario Heritage Act R.S.O. 1990, c.O.18, s.31 (3);

ii. Serve the owner of the property to be designated and the Ontario Heritage Trust with a Notice of Intention to Designate as per the Ontario Heritage Act R.S.O. 1990, c.O.18, s.21 (3).

For (10): Councillor Baldwin, Councillor Beamer, Chair, Councillor Bierk, Councillor Crowley, Councillor Duguay, Councillor Lachica, Mayor Leal, Councillor Parnell, Councillor Riel, and Councillor Vassiliadis

Against (1): Councillor Haacke

Carried (10 to 1)

Designation of 362-366 George Street North, Report IPGPL25-053

Moved by Councillor Bierk

That Council approve the recommendations outlined in Report IPGPL25-053, dated October 20, 2025, of the Commissioner of Infrastructure, Planning and Growth Management as follows:

a) That the recommendation of the Peterborough Architectural Conservation Advisory Committee (PACAC) that Council designate the property at 362-366 George Street North as a heritage property under Part IV, Section 29 of the Ontario Heritage Act R.S.O. 1990, c.O.18 being of "cultural heritage value or interest" be received; and,

b) That Council take the following actions should it concur with the recommendation of the PACAC to designate the property at 362-366 George Street North as a heritage property under Part IV, Section 29 of the Ontario Heritage Act R.S.O. 1990, c.O.18 being of cultural heritage value or interest:

i. Serve Notice of Intention to Designate 362-366 George Street North and provide public notice of that intention in a newspaper having general circulation in the municipality as per the Ontario Heritage Act R.S.O. 1990, c.O.18, s.31 (3);

ii. Serve the owner of the property to be designated and the Ontario Heritage Trust with a Notice of Intention to Designate as per the Ontario Heritage Act R.S.O. 1990, c.O.18, s.21 (3).

For (10): Councillor Baldwin, Councillor Beamer, Chair, Councillor Bierk, Councillor Crowley, Councillor Duguay, Councillor Lachica, Mayor Leal, Councillor Parnell, Councillor Riel, and Councillor Vassiliadis

Against (1): Councillor Haacke

Carried (10 to 1)

Notice of Motion

There were no Notices of Motion.

Other Business

Moved by Councillor Riel

That Council reconsider the debate regarding the GE property.

For (5): Councillor Baldwin, Councillor Bierk, Councillor Crowley, Councillor Lachica, and Councillor Riel

Against (6): Councillor Beamer, Chair, Councillor Duguay, Councillor Haacke, Mayor Leal, Councillor Parnell, and Councillor Vassiliadis

Lost (5 to 6) (2/3)

Adjournment

Moved by Councillor Bierk

That this meeting be adjourned at 8:10 p.m.

For (11): Councillor Baldwin, Councillor Beamer, Chair, Councillor Bierk, Councillor Crowley, Councillor Duguay, Councillor Haacke, Councillor Lachica, Mayor Leal, Councillor Parnell, Councillor Riel, and Councillor Vassiliadis

Carried (11 to 0)

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John Kennedy

City Clerk

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Councillor Beamer

Chair