General Committee Minutes

Council Chambers, City Hall

May 4, 2026

Present: Councillor Baldwin
Councillor Beamer, Chair
Councillor Crowley
Councillor Duguay
Councillor Haacke
Councillor Lachica
Mayor Leal
Councillor Parnell
Councillor Riel
Councillor Vassiliadis

Regrets: Councillor Bierk

Staff: Brad Appleby, Director, Planning, Development and Urban Design
Ian Boland, Manager, Water Resource Systems
Robert Dunford, Manager, Transportation Planning
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
Jennifer McFarlane, Director, People and Culture
Blair Nelson, Commissioner, Infrastructure, Planning and Growth Management
David Potts, Commissioner, Legislative Services, City Solicitor
Jasbir Raina, Chief Administrative Officer
Sriram Raman, Manager, Government Relations
Ilmar Simanovskis, Commissioner, Municipal Operations
Vinod Soman, Senior Transportation Project Manager
Colin Walsh, Program Manager, Heritage Programs
Brendan Wedley, Director, Strategic Communications & Service Peterborough

Closed Session – 5:00 p.m.

Move by Councillor Haacke

That Proposed Land Acquisition – Report LSRS26-013, and 2025 Civic Award Nominations – Report LSCLK26-015 be approved on consent.

Carried

Moved by Councillor Parnell

That Committee enter Closed Session to discuss one item under 239(2)(k) A position, plan, procedure, criteria or instruction to be applied to any negotiations carried on by or on behalf of the municipality or local board and 239(2)(c) a proposed or pending acquisition or disposition of land by the municipality.

Carried

The Closed Session adjourned at 5:29 p.m.

Call to Order

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

Adoption of Minutes

Moved by Councillor Crowley

That the General Committee meeting minutes from March 2, March 13, and March 23, 2026 be approved

For (10): Councillor Baldwin, Councillor Beamer, Chair, Councillor Crowley, Councillor Duguay, 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.

Consent Items

Moved by Councillor Parnell

That items Peterborough City Soccer Agreement and Designation of a Municipal Capital Facility - Report CSRPCS26-013, and 2025 Investment Report - Report FCSFS26-004, be approved on consent

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

Carried (10 to 0)

Peterborough City Soccer Agreement and Designation of a Municipal Capital Facility, Report CSRPCS26-013

That Council approve the recommendations outlined in Report CSRPCS26-013, dated May 4, 2026, of the Commissioner of Community Services as follows:

a) That the Mayor and Clerk be authorized to execute a Municipal Capital Facility agreement with Peterborough City Soccer Club Inc. on terms acceptable to the Commissioner of Community Services and in a form satisfactory to the City Solicitor; and

b) That the draft By-law attached as Appendix A be approved to authorize an agreement with the Peterborough City Soccer Club Inc. to exempt the clubhouse located at 2150 Ashburnham Drive, in the City of Peterborough, from taxation for municipal and school purposes.

2025 Investment Report, Report FCSFS26-004

That Council approve the recommendation outlined in Report FCSFS26-004, dated May 4, 2026, of the Commissioner, Finance & Corporate Support Services as follows:

That the 2025 Investment Report, outlined in report FCSFS26-004, dated May 4, 2026, of the Commissioner, Finance & Corporate Support Services, be received for information.

Presentations

Ashburnham Drive Realignment and McFarlane Street Bridge Replacement Class EA Approval, Report IPGACP26-005

Moved by Councillor Riel

That Council approve the recommendation outlined in Report IPGACP26-005, dated May 4, 2026, of the Commissioner of Infrastructure, Planning and Growth Management as follows:

a) That the presentation of Paradigm Transportation Solutions Limited on the matter of the Municipal Class EA for the Ashburnham Drive Realignment and McFarlane Street Bridge Replacement be received;

b) That the recommendations of the Municipal Class EA for the Ashburnham Drive Realignment and McFarlane Street Bridge Replacement be endorsed; and

c) That staff be directed to post the Environmental Study Report for the Municipal Class EA for the Ashburnham Drive Realignment and McFarlane Street Bridge Replacement for the 30-day review period and Provincial approval.

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

Carried (10 to 0)

Councillor Duguay left the meeting at 6:52 p.m. and returned at 6:54 p.m.

Next Steps - Multi-Use Sport and Event Centre, Report CSD26-002

Mayor Leal moved the motion regarding modified option 3, and the Chair requested that the vote be separated.

Moved by Councillor Lachica

That the matter be deferred until staff can prepare a comprehensive funding strategy.

For (4): Councillor Haacke, Councillor Lachica, Councillor Parnell, and Councillor Riel

Against (6): Councillor Baldwin, Councillor Beamer, Chair, Councillor Crowley, Councillor Duguay, Mayor Leal, and Councillor Vassiliadis

Lost (4 to 6)

Councillor Haacke left the meeting at 7:13 p.m., and returned at 7:18 p.m.

Moved by Mayor Leal

a) That council commit 1/3 of the cost, approximately $57M, towards the Events Centre project

For (7): Councillor Baldwin, Councillor Beamer, Chair, Councillor Crowley, Councillor Duguay, Councillor Haacke, Mayor Leal, and Councillor Vassiliadis

Against (3): Councillor Lachica, Councillor Parnell, and Councillor Riel

Carried (7 to 3)

Moved by Mayor Leal

b) That staff be directed to provide a report identifying the funding plan to finance this $57M commitment including amendments to the City's debt limit;

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

Carried (10 to 0)

Moved by Mayor Leal

c) That staff be directed to initiate proactive advocacy and explore options to acquire the remaining 2/3 of the cost, approximately $114M, from the Government of Canada, Province of Ontario, County of Peterborough, private sector partners, fundraising, naming rights and sponsorship opportunities, and non-debt supported sources;

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

Carried (10 to 0)

Moved by Mayor Leal

d) That staff be directed to provide Council with a report detailing options for funds from non-debt supported sources; and

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

Carried (10 to 0)

Moved by Mayor Leal

e) That $1.7M be pre-committed in the 2027 budget to include a project manager position, site studies and preliminary consultant services.

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

Against (1): Councillor Lachica

Carried (9 to 1)

Infrastructure, Planning and Growth Management

Designation of 212-216 London Street, Report IPGPL26-020

Moved by Councillor Lachica

That Council approve the recommendations outlined in Report IPGPL26-020, dated May 4, 2026, 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 properties at 212 London Street, 214 London Street and 216 London Street as a heritage

properties 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 to designate the properties at 212 London Street, 214 London Street and 216 London Street as heritage properties 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 Notices of Intention to Designate 212 London Street, 214 London Street and 216 London Street and provide public notices 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 owners of the properties to be designated and the Ontario Heritage Trust with Notices of Intention to Designate as per the Ontario Heritage Act R.S.O. 1990, c.O.18, s.21 (3).**

For (8): Councillor Baldwin, Councillor Beamer, Chair, Councillor Crowley, Councillor Duguay, Councillor Lachica, Mayor Leal, Councillor Parnell, and Councillor Riel

Against (2): Councillor Haacke, and Councillor Vassiliadis

Carried (8 to 2)

Notice of Objection for 227-233 Hunter Street West, Report IPGPL26-022

Moved by Councillor Haacke

That Council approve the recommendations outlined in Report IPGPL26-022, dated May 4, 2026, of the Commissioner of Infrastructure, Planning and Growth Management as follows:

a) That the Notice of Objection to the intention to designate 227-233 Hunter Street West be received; and

b) That Council, in consideration of the objection pursuant to Section 29(6) of the Ontario Heritage Act, proceed with the designation of 227-233 Hunter Street West.

For (6): Councillor Baldwin, Councillor Beamer, Chair, Councillor Lachica, Mayor Leal, Councillor Parnell, and Councillor Riel

Against (4): Councillor Crowley, Councillor Duguay, Councillor Haacke, and Councillor Vassiliadis

Carried (6 to 4)

Report of Closed Session

Report LSRS26-013 - Proposed Land Acquisition - Consent

That Council approve the recommendation outlined in Report LSRS26-013, dated May 4, 2026, of the Commissioner, Legislative Services as follows:

That, respecting a proposed land acquisition, staff be directed to proceed as outlined in Closed Session Report LSRS26-013 dated May 4, 2026, of the Commissioner, Legislative Services.

Report LSCLK26-015 - Civic Awards - Consent

That Council approve the recommendation outlined in Report LSCLK26-015, dated May 4, 2026, of the City Clerk, on behalf of the Citizen Appointment Selection Working Group, as follows:

That staff be directed to proceed as outlined in Closed Session Report LSCLK26-015, dated May 4, 2026, of the City Clerk on behalf of the Citizen Appointments Selection Working Group, respecting 2025 Civic Awards.

Report CSD26-003 - Land Acquisition

Moved by Mayor Leal

That Council approve the recommendation outlined in Report CSD26-003, dated May 4, 2026, of the Commissioner of Community Services as follows:

That staff be authorized to proceed as outlined in Closed Session Report CSD26-003 dated May 4, 2026, of the Commissioner, Community Services.

For (8): Councillor Baldwin, Councillor Beamer, Chair, Councillor Crowley, Councillor Duguay, Councillor Haacke, Mayor Leal, Councillor Parnell, and Councillor Vassiliadis

Against (2): Councillor Lachica, and Councillor Riel

Carried (8 to 2)

Notice of Motion

There were no Notices of Motion.

Other Business

There were no items of Other Business.

Adjournment

Moved by Councillor Duguay

That this meeting be adjourned at 8:12 p.m.

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

Carried (10 to 0)

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John Kennedy

City Clerk

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Councillor Beamer

Chair