City Council Minutes

Council Chambers, City Hall

May 11, 2026

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

Staff: Brad Appleby, Director, Planning Development & Urban Design
Richard Freymond, Commissioner, Finance & Corporate Support Services
Natalie Garnett, Deputy City Clerk
Darryl Julott, Director, Economic Development
John Kennedy, City Clerk
Sheldon Laidman, Commissioner, Community Services
Blair Nelson, Commissioner, Infrastructure, Planning & Growth Management
David Potts, Commissioner, Legislative Services, City Solicitor
Jasbir Raina, Chief Administrative Officer
Ilmar Simanovskis, Commissioner, Municipal Operations
Brendan Wedley, Director, Strategic Communications & Service Peterborough

Call to Order

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

Approval of Minutes

Moved by Councillor Haacke
Seconded by Councillor Beamer

That the Council meeting minutes of March 13, 2026 be approved.

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

Carried (11 to 0)

Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest

There were no disclosures of Pecuniary Interest.

Registered Delegations

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

Richard Halagaza, 2560 Trentview Road

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

Deanna Guttman, Peterborough Downtown Business Improvement Area

Bryan Crawford, Ontario Hockey League

Robert Parkin, Town Ward

Paul Harris-Lowe, City of Peterborough Economic Development Working Group

Consent Items

Moved by Councillor Parnell
Seconded by Councillor Duguay

That items Draft Community Planning Permit By-law (Additional Council Review) - Report IPGPL26-027, Peterborough City Soccer Agreement and Designation of a Municipal Capital Facility - Report CSRPCS26-013, 2025 Investment Report - Report FCSFS26-004, Report LSRS26-013 - Proposed Land Acquisition - Report LSCLK26-015 - Civic Awards, and Report CSD26-003 - Land Acquisition be approved on consent.

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

Carried (11 to 0)

Draft Community Planning Permit By-law (Additional Council Review), Report IPGPL26-027

That Council approve the recommendations as follows:

a) That Report IPGPL26-027 be received for further information; and

b) That all Councillor comments be referred back to staff for consideration and review and documented in a Recommendation Report for Council's consideration by June 30, 2026.

c) That staff be directed to review the suggested amendments from the April 23, 2026 general committee meeting on the draft Community Planning Permit By-law and report back to Council in June 2026 on the implementation of those potential amendments.

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.

Report LSRS26-013 - Proposed Land Acquisition

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

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

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.

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

Moved by Councillor Baldwin
Seconded by Councillor Riel

That Report IPGACP26-005 be deferred to September 1, 2026.

For (8): Councillor Baldwin, Councillor Beamer, Councillor Bierk, Councillor Crowley, Councillor Lachica, Mayor Leal, Councillor Riel, and Councillor Vassiliadis

Against (3): Councillor Duguay, Councillor Haacke, and Councillor Parnell

Carried (8 to 3)

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

Councillor Parnell left at 7:34 p.m. and returned at 7:36 p.m.

Councillor Beamer left at 7:39 p.m. and returned at 7:41 p.m.

Councillor Baldwin left at 7:46 p.m. and returned at 7:46 p.m.

Councillor Crowley left at 7:47 p.m. and returned at 7:49 p.m.

Moved by Councillor Lachica
Seconded by Councillor Bierk

That Report CSD26-002 be deferred for a period of five months.

Moved by Councillor Duguay
Seconded by Councillor Baldwin

That the question be put.

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

Against (3): Councillor Bierk, Councillor Crowley, and Councillor Riel

Carried (8 to 3)

Upon the deferral, the motion lost.

For (5): Councillor Bierk, Councillor Haacke, Councillor Lachica, Councillor Parnell, and Councillor Riel

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

Lost (5 to 6)

Moved by Councillor Duguay
Seconded by Councillor Vassiliadis

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

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

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

Carried (8 to 3)

Moved by Councillor Duguay
Seconded by Councillor Vassiliadis

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 (11): Councillor Baldwin, Councillor Beamer, 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 Duguay
Seconded by Councillor Vassiliadis

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 (11): Councillor Baldwin, Councillor Beamer, 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 Duguay
Seconded by Councillor Vassiliadis

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

For (11): Councillor Baldwin, Councillor Beamer, 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 Duguay
Seconded by Councillor Vassiliadis

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, Councillor Crowley, Councillor Duguay, Councillor Haacke, Mayor Leal, Councillor Parnell, Councillor Riel, and Councillor Vassiliadis

Against (2): Councillor Bierk, and Councillor Lachica

Carried (9 to 2)

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

Moved by Councillor Duguay
Seconded by Councillor Parnell

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 (9): Councillor Baldwin, Councillor Bierk, Councillor Crowley, Councillor Duguay, Councillor Lachica, Mayor Leal, Councillor Parnell, Councillor Riel, and Councillor Vassiliadis

Against (2): Councillor Beamer, and Councillor Haacke

Carried (9 to 2)

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

Moved by Councillor Crowley
Seconded by Councillor Lachica

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 (8): Councillor Baldwin, Councillor Bierk, Councillor Crowley, Councillor Duguay, Councillor Lachica, Mayor Leal, Councillor Parnell, and Councillor Riel

Against (3): Councillor Beamer, Councillor Haacke, and Councillor Vassiliadis

Carried (8 to 3)

Approval of By-laws

Moved by Councillor Parnell
Seconded by Councillor Duguay

That the following By-laws:

26-046 Being a By-law to authorize an agreement with Peterborough City Soccer Club Inc. for the provision by it of a municipal capital facility, namely a clubhouse, and to exempt this building owned by Peterborough City Soccer Club Inc, located at 2150 Ashburnham Drive, in the City of Peterborough, from taxation for municipal and school purposes

26-047 Being a By-law to Designate Certain Properties in the City of Peterborough Under the Ontario Heritage Act, R.S.O. 1990, c.O.18 (227-233 Hunter Street West)

be approved.

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

Carried (11 to 0)

Other Business

There were no items of Other Business.

Confirmation By-law

Moved by Councillor Crowley
Seconded by Councillor Vassiliadis

That By-law 26-048 Being a By-law to confirm the proceedings of the Council at its meeting held on May 11, 2026 be approved.

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

Carried (11 to 0)

Adjournment

Moved by Councillor Beamer
Seconded by Councillor Haacke

That this meeting be adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

For (11): Councillor Baldwin, Councillor Beamer, 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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Jeff Leal

Mayor