General Committee Minutes

Council Chambers, City Hall

March 10, 2025

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

Regrets: Councillor Lachica

Staff: Brad Appleby, Director, Planning, Development and Urban Design
Richard Freymond, Commissioner, Finance and Corporate Support Services
Natalie Garnett, Deputy City Clerk
Erik Hanson, Manager, Heritage Resources Program
Darryl Julott, Director, Economic Development
Caroline Kimble, Manager, Policy Planning
Sheldon Laidman, Commissioner, Community Services
Blair Nelson, Commissioner, Infrastructure, Planning & Growth Management
David Potts, Commissioner, Legislative Services, City Solicitor
Jasbir Raina, Chief Administrative Officer
Kendra Sedgwick, Committee Support Specialist
Ilmar Simanovskis, Commissioner, Municipal Operations
Anne Taylor Scott, Manager, Development Planning
Brendan Wedley, Director, Strategic Communications & Service Peterborough

Closed Session

Resolution to meet in Closed Session

Moved by Councillor Parnell

That Committee meet in closed session to discuss one item under Section 239(2)(c) A proposed or pending acquisition or disposition of land by the municipality or local board.

Carried

Open Session

Call to Order

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

Adoption of Minutes

Moved by Councillor Duguay

That the General Committee meeting minutes of January 27, 2025 be approved.

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

Carried (9 to 0)

Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest

Councillor Bierk declared a conflict with Report IPGPL25-015, Designation of Listed Properties Update, as he is a tenant of 129 Hunter Street West.

Mayor Leal declared a conflict with Report IPGPL25-015, Designation of Listed Properties Update, as he is a member of St. John's Church.

Report of Closed Session

Property Acquisition, Report LSRS25-005

Moved by Councillor Baldwin

That Council approve the recommendation outlined in Report LSRS25-005, dated March 10, 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 LSRS25-005 dated March 10, 2025, of the Commissioner, Legislative Services.

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

Carried (9 to 0)

Consent Items

Moved by Councillor Parnell

That 2024 Council Remuneration and Expense Statements - Report FCSFS25-006,

Rogers Street Parking Restrictions - Report IPGENG25-001, Bensfort Road and Otonabee Drive Traffic Signal and All-Way Stop Review - Report IPGENG25-007, Contract Extension for Selwyn Link Bus Service - Report MOTR25-002, Renewal of Trent University Universal Bus Pass Funding Agreement - Report MOTR25-001,and Agreement with ORCA for the operation of Beavermead Campground - Report CSRS25-002, be approved on Consent.

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

Carried (9 to 0)

2024 Council Remuneration and Expense Statements, Report FCSFS25-006

That Council approve the recommendation outlined in Report FCSFS25-006, dated March 10, 2025 of the Commissioner of Finance and Corporate Support Services as follows:

That the 2024 Remuneration and Expense Statements for Council Members and Council appointees to boards and commissions, outlined in Report FCSFS25-006, dated March 10, 2025 of the Commissioner of Finance and Corporate Support Services, be received for information.

Rogers Street Parking Restrictions, Report IPGENG25-001

That Council approve the recommendation outlined in Report IPGENG25-001, dated March 10, 2025, of the Commissioner of Infrastructure, Planning and Growth Management as follows:

That the 1-hour parking restriction be removed on Rogers Street, between Hunter Street and Sophia Street.

Bensfort Road and Otonabee Drive Traffic Signal and All-Way Stop Review, Report IPGENG25-007

That the General Committee approve the recommendation outlined in Report IPENG25-007, dated March 10, 2025, of the Commissioner of Infrastructure, Planning and Growth Management as follows:

a) That the following recommended improvements at the intersection of Bensfort Road and Otonabee Drive be approved:

i. Relocation of the stop sign and stop bar on Otonabee Drive at Bensfort Road.

ii. Implementation of a painted median island, painted edge lines, and painted curb radii.

Contract Extension for Selwyn Link Bus Service, Report MOTR25-002

That Council approve the recommendation outlined in Report MOTR25-002, dated March 10, 2025, of the Commissioner Municipal Operations as follows:

That Mayor and Clerk be authorized to execute documents between the City and Selwyn Township for the continued operation of the pilot transit service within Selwyn Township for an additional twelve months, expiring March 31, 2026, on terms acceptable to the said Commissioner and in forms acceptable to the City Solicitor.

Renewal of Trent University Universal Bus Pass Funding Agreement, Report MOTR25-001

That Council approve the recommendation outlined in Report MOTR25-001, dated March 10, 2025, of the Commissioner, Municipal Operations as follows:

That the Mayor and City Clerk be authorized to execute the renewal agreement with the Trent Central Student Association for the continuation of the Universal Transit Pass Agreement substantially in the form as attached in Appendix A and on terms satisfactory to the Commissioner, Municipal Operations, in forms acceptable to the City Solicitor.

Agreement with ORCA for the operation of Beavermead Campground, Report CSRS25-002

That Council approve the recommendation outlined in Report CSRS25-002, dated March 10, 2025, of the Commissioner, Community Services as follows:

That the Mayor and Clerk be authorized to sign an agreement between the City of Peterborough and Otonabee Region Conservation Authority as outlined in Report CSRS25-002 dated March 10, 2025, of the Commissioner, Community Services, on terms satisfactory to the said Commissioner and in forms acceptable to the City Solicitor.

Public Meeting under the Planning Act

Zoning By-law Amendment for 2248 Old Norwood Road, Report IPGPL25-010

Diana Keay, DM Wills Associates Limited, spoke to the application.

Moved by Councillor Duguay

a) That section 3.4.12 Alternative Regulations – Maximum Height (Accessory Building) be amended to add regulation (g), specifying a maximum height of 5 metres, in accordance with the Draft Zoning By-law Amendment attached as Appendix D to Report IPGPL25-010

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

Carried (10 to 0)

Moved by Councillor Duguay

That Council approve the recommendations outlined in Report IPGPL25-010, dated March 10, 2025, of the Commissioner of Infrastructure, Planning and Growth Management, as amended, as follows:

a) That section 3.4.12 Alternative Regulations – Maximum Height (Accessory Building) be amended to add regulation (g), specifying a maximum height of 5 metres, in accordance with the Draft Zoning By-law Amendment attached as Appendix D to Report IPGPL25-010; and

b) That the subject property be rezoned from R1 OSM to SP.31, 12g – Residential District, in accordance with the Draft Zoning By-law Amendment attached as Appendix D to Report IPGPL25-009.

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

Carried (10 to 0)

Presentations

Strategic Growth Areas Project Update and Expansion of Community Planning Permit By-law Scope, Report IPGPL25-011

Moved by Mayor Leal

That Council approve the recommendations outlined in Report IPGPL25-011, dated March 10, 2025 of the Commissioner of Infrastructure, Planning and Growth Management as follows:

a) That the update presentation on the Secondary Plan and Community Planning Permit By-law project for the City's Strategic Growth Areas by Dillon Consulting Ltd., and Report IPGPL25-011 be received; and

b) That Staff be directed to proceed with Option 2 described Report IPGPL25-011 and expand the scope of work for the CPP By-law to implement a city-wide CPP By-law.

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

Carried (10 to 0)

Committee Reports

Supply and Installation of Eight Radio Consoles for Fire Services and Police Services for the Next Generation 9-1-1 implementation, Report FCSIT25-001

Moved by Mayor Leal

That Council approve the recommendation outlined in Report FCSIT25-001, dated March 10, 2025, of the Commissioner of Finance and Corporate Support Services, as follows:

That the supply and installation of eight radio consoles, to support the Next Generation 9-1-1 implementation, be awarded to Bearcom Canada Corp. PO Box 4550 Stn. A Toronto, ON, M5W 4R7, at a cost of $219,365.20 plus HST of $28,517.47 for a total of $247,882.67.

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

Carried (10 to 0)

Appointment to PACAC, Report LSCLK25-002

Moved by Councillor Riel

That General Committee approve the recommendation outlined in Report LSCLK25-002, dated March 10, 2025, of the City Clerk as follows:

That Marilyn MacNaughton be appointed as the Peterborough Historical Society representative to the Peterborough Architectural Conservation Advisory Committee for a term ending November 2026.

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

Carried (10 to 0)

Housing Accelerator Fund 2 Program Update, Report IPGPL25-012

Moved by Councillor Riel

That Council approve the recommendations outlined in Report IPGPL25-012, dated March 10, 2025 of the Commissioner of Infrastructure, Planning and Growth Management as follows:

a) That the Housing Accelerator Fund 2 Program Update, Report IPGPL25-012, dated March 10, 2025, be received; and

b) That three capital projects be established, Housing Accelerator Funds be transferred to capital projects, and sources of funding in the existing projects be replaced with Housing Accelerator Funds, all as detailed in Chart 2 of Report IPGPL25-012.

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

Carried (10 to 0)

Designation of Listed Properties Update, Report IPGPL25-015

Moved by Councillor Haacke

That Council approve the recommendation outlined in Report IPGPL25-015, dated March 10, 2025, of the Commissioner of Infrastructure, Planning and Growth Management as follows:

That Report IPGPL25-015 be received for information, less 129 Hunter Street and St. John Baptist Church.

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

Carried (10 to 0)

Due to their previously declared conflicts, Mayor Leal and Councillor Bierk did not discuss or vote on the motion.

Moved by Councillor Haacke

That the properties at 129 Hunter Street West and St. John the Baptist Church (300 Wilson Street), be considered as part of report IPGPL25-015.

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

Conflict (2): Councillor Bierk, and Mayor Leal

Carried (8 to 0)

Moved by Councillor Parnell

That staff report back on any properties with known development applications on the list.

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

Against (2): Councillor Baldwin, and Councillor Bierk

Carried (8 to 2)

Notice of Motion

Moved by Councillor Crowley

Whereas X has become a media platform that is not adequately responding to hate speech and misinformation;

Whereas continued use of X could be perceived as tacit approval of or association with ideologies that are inconsistent with the City of Peterborough's commitment to freedom, inclusivity, and nondiscrimination.

Whereas the City of Peterborough maintains other social media accounts to reach residents about municipal services and news that provide comparable functionality like Instagram, Facebook, and LinkedIn.

Whereas Peterborough Transit relies on X as one of its main methods to communicate with customers about Transit service changes;

Whereas Peterborough Transit has implemented customer service enhancements such as real time tracking of buses through the My Transit Rid-GPS Tracker map for transit customers to see when the next bus will arrive;

Whereas emergency services require the ability to use all available channels to reach residents for emergency messaging;

Therefore, be it resolved that Council approve the following:

a) that to support enhanced communication with residents and customers and to reduce reliance on social media that City staff report back to Council during the 2026 Budget deliberations with recommendations and associated budget implications for implementing a Snow Plow Tracker service for residents and a smartphone app for Peterborough Transit, which includes the ability to send notifications to subscribers, with the goal of improving customer service and eliminating the use of X; and

b) that the City of Peterborough discontinue the use of X, formerly known as Twitter, except for Peterborough Transit, Fire Services, and emergency information as necessary.

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

Carried (10 to 0)

Moved by Councillor Baldwin

That a request by a snowmobile club for the use of city land as a means to traverse from the Trans Canada Trail to an establishment on Ashburnham Drive, be referred to staff for a report.

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

Carried (10 to 0)

Other Business

Moved by Councillor Haacke

That staff provide a report regarding parking options for on-street parking on Heatherington Drive.

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

Carried (10 to 0)

Adjournment

Moved by Councillor Bierk

That this meeting be adjourned at 9:17 p.m.

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

Carried (10 to 0)

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Natalie Garnett

Deputy City Clerk

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Councillor Beamer

Chair