City Council Minutes

Council Chambers, City Hall

August 10, 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
Rob McAulay, Acting Commissioner, Community Services
Rebecca Morgan-Quin, Director, Social Services
Blair Nelson, Commissioner, Infrastructure Planning and 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.

Ceremonial Presentation - Dr. Ramesh Makhija

Approval of Minutes

Moved by Councillor Haacke
Seconded by Councillor Vassiliadis

That the meeting minutes of June 8, 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

Councillor Crowley declared a conflict with item 11.a, Report LSCLK26-016 – Appointments, as he did not attend closed session.

Registered Delegations

11.d Prudent Investor Standard for Municipal Investments, Report FCSFS26-008

Guy Hanchet, For Our Grandchildren

11.h Eligible Hours of Care, S01-FS-0268

Marcia Steeves, Peterborough & District Labour Council

Consent Items

Moved by Councillor Parnell
Seconded by Councillor Vassiliadis

That items City of Peterborough/Cavan Monaghan Township – Contract Police Service Extension Agreement - Report FCSFS26-011, Development Charge Reduction Program (DCRP) Funding Application - Report IPGCOM26-001, Economic Development Update - Report IPGED26-010, Tire Program Update - Report MOENV26-016, and Report regarding Retail Businesses being permitted to open on Statutory Holidays, 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)

City of Peterborough/Cavan Monaghan Township – Contract Police Service Extension Agreement, Report FCSFS26-011

That Council approve the recommendation outlined in Report FCSFS26-011, dated August 4, 2026 of the Commissioner of Finance and Corporate Support Services, as follows:

That the Mayor and City Clerk be authorized to execute an extension to the Contract Police Services Agreement with the Township of Cavan Monaghan and the Peterborough Police Service Board for a one-year term from January 1, 2027 to December 31, 2027 and in a form acceptable to the Commissioner of Finance

and Corporate Support Services and the City Solicitor and substantially in the form attached as Appendix A to Report FCSFS26-011.

Development Charge Reduction Program (DCRP) Funding Application, Report IPGCOM26-001

That Council approve the recommendation outlined in Report IPGCOM26-001, dated August 4, 2026, of the Commissioner of Infrastructure, Planning and Growth Management and the Commissioner of Finance & Corporate Support Services as follows:

That report IPGCOM26-001, dated August 4, 2026, be received for information.

Economic Development Update, Report IPGED26-010

That Council approve the recommendation outlined in Report IPGED26-010, dated August 4, 2026, of the Commissioner of Infrastructure, Planning and Growth Management as follows:

That Report IPGED26-010, dated August 4, 2026, be received for information.

Tire Program Update, Report MOENV26-016

That Council approve the recommendation outlined in Report MOENV26-016, dated August 4, 2026, of the Commissioner, Municipal Operations as follows:

That Report MOENV26-016 be received for information.

Report regarding Retail Businesses being permitted to open on Statutory Holidays

Whereas the City of Peterborough has been approached by local retailers asking that they be permitted to open on statutory holidays such as Canada Day and Labour Day;

Whereas many local businesses are reporting lower sales due to the uncertainty caused by tariff wars and inflation, and assert that opening on some statutory holidays would allow them to benefit from consumer spending on those days;

Whereas The Retail Business Holidays Act, R.S.O., 1990, which prohibits most retail businesses from opening on statutory holidays, allows municipalities to pass a by-law to render the Act inapplicable in their jurisdiction;

Whereas City Council last considered a report on this matter in 2011;

Whereas the Government of Ontario passed legislation this year to allow retailers across the province to open on Family Day and Victoria Day;

Now therefore be it resolved that City staff be directed to bring a report to Council in the first quarter of 2027 with information on the considerations of retail businesses being permitted to open on various statutory holidays, and outlining the options and required next steps should Council wish to proceed further at that time.

Report LSCLK26-016 – Appointments

Moved by Councillor Haacke Haacke
Seconded by Councillor Vassiliadis

That Council approve the recommendation outlined in Closed Session Report LSCLK26-016, dated August 4, 2026, of the City Clerk as follows:

That Cristine De Clercy, David Nusko, Leonard Lifchus, and Zac Rogers be appointed to serve as members of the Compliance Audit Committee with a term from November 15, 2026, to November 15, 2030.

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

Conflict: Councillor Crowley

Carried (10 to 0)

Prudent Investor Standard for Municipal Investments, Report FCSFS26-008

Moved by Councillor Haacke
Seconded by Councillor Vassiliadis

That Council approve the recommendations outlined in Report FCSFS26-008, dated August 4, 2026, of the Commissioner of Finance and Corporate Support Services as follows:

a) That the report Prudent Investor Standard for Municipal Investments, be received for information;

b) That the Treasurer, on behalf of the City of Peterborough and in consultation with ONE Investment, be directed to complete the necessary steps to join the ONE Joint Investment Board as a participating municipality under the Prudent Investor Standard, including all administrative requirements to execute the necessary agreement and ancillary paperwork including, but not limited to the client questionnaire;

c) That the Prudent Investor Investment Policy, attached as appendix A, be approved with an effective date to be determined by staff following the execution of the agreement with ONE Joint Investment Board;

d) That the attached By-Law, Appendix B, be approved with an effective date to be determined by staff following the execution of the agreement with ONE Joint Investment Board; and

e) That the Mayor and Clerk be authorized to execute the ONE Joint Investment agreement on terms acceptable to the Commissioner, Finance and Corporate Support Services and in forms acceptable to the City Solicitor, following the ONE Joint Investment Board approving the City as a participating Municipality.

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

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

Carried (8 to 3)

Eligible Hours of Care - S01-FS-0268

Moved by Councillor Lachica
Seconded by Councillor Duguay

Whereas, local labour-management policy language requires updating to reflect the good faith intended by broad provincial expectations, and to align with municipalities widely;

Whereas, it is a judgement to convey that a lawful strike is not an approved activity, requiring a penalty;

AND

Whereas, being subject to eligibility screening for as an "exception" is arbitrary and based on a penalty assumption that a strike is unlawful;

Thus, the City of Peterborough cannot therefore disapprove lawful strike hours as eligible hours;

MOTION

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED:

a) That staff expedite their review of and revision of section 4.9 of Labour Disputes in Social Services Operational Practices Document S01-FS-0268, to ensure that no participant receiving subsidy at the time of the labour disruption will be impacted by the loss of the subsidy for the duration of the lawful strike/lockout.

b) That staff report back to council with the relevant updates by the end of September and allow all subsidies until the policy is revised.

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)

Approval of By-laws

Moved by Councillor Duguay
Seconded by Councillor Parnell

That the following By-laws:

26-093 Being a By-law to authorize The Corporation of the City of Peterborough to invest funds not required immediately in the Prudent Investment Offering of the ONE Joint Investment Board ("ONE JIB") pursuant to section 418.1 of the Municipal Act, 2001, to approve the execution of related agreements and documents, and to delegate certain powers and duties respecting the administration of such investments

26-097 Being a By-law to amend the Zoning By-law to remove the 'H' Holding Symbol from the Zoning of the property known municipally as 1791 and 1801 Fisher Drive

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 Beamer
Seconded by Councillor Crowley

That By-law 26-098 Being a By-law to confirm the proceedings of the Council at its meeting held on August 10, 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 Crowley
Seconded by Councillor Parnell

That this meeting be adjourned at 6:47 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