General Committee Minutes

Council Chambers, City Hall

August 5, 2025

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

Regrets: Councillor Crowley

Staff: Colton Ambrosio, Support Specialist, Clerk and Council
Brad Appleby, Director, Planning, Development and Urban Design
Alan Barber, Director, Legal Services
Kyle Bruce, Manager, Airport Administration
Richard Freymond, Commissioner, Finance and Corporate Support Services
Natalie Garnett, Deputy City Clerk
Greg Giles, Director, Engineering and Capital Works (Acting)
Darryl Julott, Director, Economic Development
Chris Kawalec, Manager, Community Development Program
John Kennedy, City Clerk
Sheldon Laidman, Commissioner, Community Services
Peter Malin, Manager, Traffic and Parking Services
Jennifer McFarlane, Director, People and Culture
Blair Nelson, Commissioner, Infrastructure, Planning & Growth Management
Yvette Peplinskie, Director, Financial Services
Jasbir Raina, Chief Administrative Officer
Sriram Raman, Manager, Government Relations
Chantal Van Parys, Coordinator, Physician Recruitment
Brendan Wedley, Director, Strategic Communications & Service Peterborough

Closed Session - 4:00 p.m., Sutherland Room

Resolution to meet in Closed Session

Moved by Councillor Parnell

That Committee enter closed session to discuss two items under Section 239(2)(c) a proposed or pending acquisition or disposition of land by the municipality, one item under 239(2)(f) advice that is subject to solicitor-client privilege and (c) a proposed or pending acquisition or disposition of land, one item under 239(2)(f) advice that is subject to solicitor-client privilege, (e) litigation or potential litigation and (c) a proposed or pending acquisition or disposition of land and one item under 239(2)(k) a position, plan, procedure, criteria, or instruction to be applied to any negotiations carried on or to be carried on by or on behalf of the municipality or local board.

Carried

Open Session

The Open Session was called to order at 6:06 p.m.

Adoption of Minutes

Moved by Councillor Duguay

That the General Committee meeting minutes of June 10 and 23, 2025 be approved.

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

Carried (10 to 0)

Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest

Councillor Duguay declared a conflict with Closed Session Report FCSFS25-015, respecting financing to The Mount Community Centre for its purchase of 780 Argyle Street, as a family member is involved with the project.

Report of Closed Session

Acquisition and Use of Lands

Moved by Councillor Bierk

That Council approve the recommendation outlined in Report LSRS25-009 dated August 5, 2025 the Commissioner, Legislative Services as follows:

That, respecting the property known municipally as Trent University, staff be directed to proceed as outlined in Closed Session Report LSRS25-009 dated August 5, 2025 of the Commissioner, Legislative Services.

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

Carried (10 to 0)

Land Acquisition

Moved by Councillor Baldwin

That Council approve the recommendation outlined in Report LSRS25-008, dated August 5, 2025 of the Commissioner, Legislative Services as follows:

That respecting the property known municipally as 2317 Television Road and 2000 Television Road, staff be directed to proceed as outlined in Closed Session Report LSRS25-008 dated August 5, 2025 of the Commissioner, Legislative Services.

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

Carried (10 to 0)

Property Disposition

Moved by Councillor Vassiliadis

That Council approve the recommendation outlined in Report LSOCS25-012, dated August 5, 2025 of the Commissioner Legislative Services as follows:

That staff be directed to proceed as outlined in Closed Session Report LSOCS25-012 dated August 5, 2025 of the Commissioner Legislative Services respecting the disposition and road widening of 1529 and 1533 Sherbrooke Street, Peterborough.

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

Carried (10 to 0)

Litigation

Moved by Councillor Duguay

That Council approve the recommendation outlined in Report LSOCS25-011, dated August 5, 2025 of the City Solicitor as follows:

That staff be directed to proceed as outlined in Closed Session Report LSOCS25-011 dated August 5, 2025 of the City Solicitor respecting settlement of litigation and acquisition of property.

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

Carried (10 to 0)

Monetary Plan

Due to his previous declaration, Councillor Duguay did not discuss or vote on this item.

Moved by Mayor Leal

That Council approve the recommendations outlined in Report FCSFS25-015, dated August 5, 2025, of the Commissioner of Finance and Corporate Support Services as follows:

a) That Council authorize staff to proceed as outlined in Closed Session Report FCSFS25-015 dated August 5, 2025, of the Commissioner, Finance and Corporate Support Services, respecting financing to The Mount Community Centre for its purchase of 780 Argyle Street.

b) That a by-law be passed to authorize the borrowing of $4,500,000 to help finance the purchase of 780 Argyle Street, Peterborough to be undertaken by The Mount Community Centre;

c) That the Commissioner, Finance and Corporate Support Services be authorized to prepare the necessary borrowing by-laws to borrow funds up to a maximum of $4,500,000 for a term not to exceed 5 years; and

d) That the Treasurer be authorized to submit an application to Ontario Infrastructure and Lands Corporation, if necessary, to borrow these funds.

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

Conflict (1): Councillor Duguay

Carried (9 to 0)

Consent Items:

Moved by Councillor Parnell

That items Traffic Calming Phase 2 Permanent Installations - Report IPGENG25-021, Designation of 216 Simcoe Street - Report IPGPL25-034, Designation of 183

Hunter Street West - Report IPGPL25-035, Designation of 441 Rubidge Street - Report IPGPL25-038, Designation of 1290 Hilliard Street - Report IPGPL25-039, and Request for Additional Funds for Future Monitoring of Jackson Creek - Report MOENV25-003 be approved on Consent.

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

Carried (10 to 0)

Committee Reports

Traffic Calming Phase 2 Permanent Installations, Report IPGENG25-021

That Council approve the recommendations outlined in Report IPGENG25-021, dated August 5, 2025, of the Commissioner of Infrastructure, Planning and Growth Management as follows:

a) That permanent traffic calming measures for the Sherburne Street and Highland Road neighbourhoods, as described in Report IPGENG25-021, be implemented and that staff be directed to include a request for funding for consideration in the 2026 Capital Budget review;

b) That permanent traffic calming measures for the High Street neighbourhood, as described in Report IPGENG25-021, be implemented and that staff be directed to maintain the temporary traffic calming measures, beyond 2026, until High Street can be funded and reconstructed through a Capital Project;

c) That By-law 91-71 being a By-law for the Regulation of Traffic be amended to modify the limits of the one-way traffic on High Street as outlined in Report IPGENG25-021; and

d) That staff be directed to remove the temporary rubber speed cushions from all Phase 1 and Phase 2 traffic calming pilot project locations.

Designation of 216 Simcoe Street, Report IPGPL25-034

That Council approve the recommendations outlined in Report IPGPL25-034, dated August 5, 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 216 Simcoe Street 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 PACAC to designate the property at 216 Simcoe Street 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 216 Simcoe Street 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).

Designation of 183 Hunter Street West, Report IPGPL25-035

That Council approve the recommendations outlined in Report IPGPL25-035, dated August 5, 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 183 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 that PACAC to designate the property at 183 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 183 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).

Designation of 441 Rubidge Street, Report IPGPL25-038

That Council approve the recommendations outlined in Report IPGPL25-038, dated August 5, 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 441 Rubidge Street 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 441 Rubidge Street 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 441 Rubidge Street 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).

Designation of 1290 Hilliard Street, Report IPGPL25-039

That Council approve the recommendations outlined in Report IPGPL25-039, dated August, 5, 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 1290 Hilliard Street 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 1290 Hilliard Street 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 1290 Hilliard Street 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).

Request for Additional Funds for Future Monitoring of Jackson Creek, Report MOENV25-003

That Council approve the recommendations outlined in Report MOENV25-003, dated August 05, 2025, of the Commissioner, Municipal Operations as follows:

a) That the purchase order issued to Cambium Inc. for the work outlined in the initial approval report IPSES23-015 be increased by $290,000 plus HST of $37,000 to provide ongoing groundwater and surface water monitoring and reporting for a five-year period concluding December 31, 2029.

b) That a budget of $200,000 plus HST of $26,000 be approved to identify and implement a continuous oil sheen detection system at the confluence of Jackson Creek and the Jackson Creek bypass sewer for real time monitoring and alarming of petroleum products that may enter the water course.

March 31, 2025, Financial Report (Unaudited), Report FCSFS25-014

Moved by Councillor Bierk

That Council approve the recommendations outlined in Report FCSFS25-014, dated August 5, 2025 of the Commissioner, Finance & Corporate Support Services as follows:

a) That the March 31, 2025 Quarterly Financial Update Report (Unaudited) attached as Appendix A to Report FCSFS25-014, dated August 5, 2025, be received;

b) That the $4,075,316 Airport Water and Sewer Upgrades (2022 Capital Budget #18-143) project budget be reduced by the $866,700 Canada Community Building Fund allocation for a total approved budget of $3,208,616; and

c) That three new capital projects be created and the Incentives for Affordable Housing (2025 Capital Budget 15882) uncommitted budget be transferred into these projects as outlined in Chart 2 of Report FCSFS25-014.

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

Carried (10 to 0)

Zoning By-law Amendment for 1341 Water Street - Update, Report IPGPL25-040

Moved by Councillor Duguay

That Council approve the recommendations outlined in Report IGPL25-040, dated August 5, 2025, of the Commissioner of Infrastructure, Planning and Growth Management as follows:

a) That Section 3.9, Exception No. 324, of Zoning By-law 1997-123, be amended to establish additional site-specific regulations for the property known as 1341 Water Street in accordance with the Draft Zoning By-law Amendment attached as Appendix B to Report IPGPL25-040.

b) That the subject property be rezoned from R.5-324 'F' to OS-1 and R.5-324-'F'-'H', in accordance with the Draft Zoning By-law Amendment attached as Appendix B to Report IPGPL25-040.

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

Against (2): Councillor Beamer, Councillor Haacke

Carried (8 to 8)

Physician Recruitment, Report IPGED25-003

Moved by Councillor Riel

That Report IPGED25-003 be deferred to the 2026 budget discussions.

For (10): Councillor Beamer, Chair, Councillor Bierk, Councillor Haacke, Councillor Lachica, and Councillor Riel

Against (5): Councillor Baldwin, Councillor Duguay, Mayor Leal, Councillor Parnell, Councillor Vassiliadis

Lost (5 to 5)

Moved by Councillor Vassiliadis

That the question be put.

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

Carried (10 to 0)

Moved by Councillor Vassiliadis

That Council approve the recommendation outlined in Report IPGED25-003 dated August 5, 2025, of the Commissioner of Infrastructure, Planning and Growth Management as follows:

That Council approve the physician recruitment program becoming a permanent program beginning with the 2026 fiscal year.

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

Against (2): Councillor Lachica, Councillor Riel

Carried (8 to 2)

Pedestrian crossing Program on Collector Roads, Report IPGENG25-019

Moved by Councillor Riel

That Council approve the recommendations outlined in Report IPGENG25-019, dated August 5, 2025, of the Commissioner of Infrastructure, Planning and Growth Management as follows:

a) That Council direct staff to proceed with the implementation of the Pedestrian Crossing Program on Collector Roads as outlined in Report IPGENG25-019.

b) That the Commissioner of Infrastructure, Planning, and Growth Management be delegated the authority to enact and/or amend By-law 09-136 being a By-law for the Regulation of Parking in the City of Peterborough from time to time to give effect to the implementation of pedestrian crossings under the Pedestrian Crossing Program on Collector Roads.

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

Carried (10 to 0)

Designation of Listed Heritage Properties Update, Report IPGPL25-037

Moved by Councillor Haacke

That report IPGPL25-037, be deferred until a report is provided to Council on the property owner's support for the designation.

For (5): Councillor Beamer, Chair, Councillor Haacke, Mayor Leal, Councillor Parnell, and Councillor Vassiliadis

Against (5): Councillor Baldwin, Councillor Bierk, Councillor Duguay, Councillor Lachica, and Councillor Riel

Lost (5 to 5)

Councillor Lachica challenged the ruling of the Chair related to 297 Hunter Street. The Chair ruled the motion in order, and a vote was held.

Moved by Councillor Lachica

That the ruling of the chair be supported.

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

Against (1): Councillor Lachica

Carried (9 to 1)

Moved by Mayor Leal

That the property at 297 Hunter Street West be removed from the Listed Heritage Properties.

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

Against (1): Councillor Lachica

Carried (9 to 1)

Moved by Councillor Duguay

General Committee adopted the following motion:

a) That Report IPGPL25-037 be received for information.

b) That the property at 297 Hunter Street West be removed from the Listed Heritage Properties

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

Against (1): Councillor Lachica

Carried (9 to 1)

Renewing Community Safety and Well-being Plan, Report CSD25-004

Moved by Councillor Lachica

That Council approve the recommendation outlined in Report CSD25-004, dated August 5, 2025, of the Commissioner of Community Services as follows:

That staff be authorized to proceed with a renewal of the Community Safety and Well-being Plan as outlined in this report.

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

Carried (10 to 0)

Capital Loan Funding Request for Thrive Housing and Support, Report CSSS25-009

Moved by Councillor Riel

That Council approve the recommendations outlined in Report CSSS25-009, dated August 5, 2025 of the Commissioner of Community Services, as follows:

a) That Council direct staff to proceed with the making of an unsecured loan of up to $1 million in repayable funding for Thrive Housing and Support (“Thrive”), with a repayment plan following the end of the current mortgage on January 1, 2028, subject to a satisfactory pro forma review;

b) That the Commissioner of Community Services be delegated authority to approve the unsecured loan, being payable from the Housing Reserve, including the terms and conditions of the loan and any required security; and

c) That the Commissioner of Community Services be authorized to do such things as necessary to give effect to recommendations a) and b), on terms

acceptable to the Commissioner in consultation with the Manager of Housing, and in a form acceptable to the City Solicitor.

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

Carried (10 to 0)

2026 Community Wellbeing Fund, Report CSD25-007

Moved by Councillor Duguay

That the question be put.

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

Carried (10 to 0)

Moved by Councillor Bierk

Be it resolved:
That Report CSD25-007 (2026 Community Wellbeing Fund) be deferred until such time as:
1. The Municipal Cultural Plan is completed and adopted by Council, and
2. A clear transition strategy for arts organizations currently receiving Community Investment Grants is presented,
3. The Professional Arts Organization Grant program is in place with a committed timeline and budget reflecting sector needs.
4. The guidelines and program details used for the 2025 program be used in the meantime.

For (6): Councillor Baldwin, Councillor Bierk, Councillor Lachica, Mayor Leal, Councillor Riel, and Councillor Vassiliadis

Against (4): Councillor Beamer, Chair, Councillor Duguay, Councillor Haacke, and Councillor Parnell

Carried (6 to 4)

Notice of Motion

Moved by Councillor Vassiliadis

That the motion be amended as follows:

And that staff be directed to forward the motion to the Waste Management Committee for their input, and that a report be brought back to Council for consideration during upcoming budget deliberations.

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

Carried (10 to 0)

Moved by Councillor Vassiliadis

Whereas the current hours of operation at the municipal landfill may not adequately meet the needs of residents and businesses; and

Whereas there have been inquiries and feedback from the community regarding the potential benefits of extended landfill hours, including improved accessibility and convenience;

Therefore be it resolved that staff be directed to prepare a report outlining the operational, financial, and environmental implications of extending the hours of operation at the municipal landfill;

And that the report include options for extended hours from Monday to Saturday from 8:00am to 6:00pm, potential staffing and cost impacts, and any anticipated changes in service levels or usage;

And that staff be directed to forward the motion to the Waste Management Committee for their input, and that a report be brought back to Council for consideration during upcoming budget deliberations.

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

Carried (10 to 0)

Other Business

There were no items of Other Business.

Adjournment

Moved by Councillor Parnell

That this meeting be adjourned at 8:43 p.m.

For (10): Councillor Baldwin, Councillor Beamer, Chair, Councillor Bierk, 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