City Council Minutes

Council Chambers, City Hall

June 1, 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: Colton Ambrosio, Clerk & Council Support Specialist
Jocelyn Blazey, Homelessness Program Manager
Richard Freymond, Commissioner, Finance & Corporate Support Services
John Kennedy, City Clerk
Sheldon Laidman, Commissioner, Community Services
Jennifer McFarlane, Director, People and Culture
Dylan Middleton, Director, Municipal Law Enforcement & Security
Blair Nelson, Commissioner, Infrastructure, Planning & Growth Management
Jessica Penner, Project Manager for Wolfe Street
David Potts, Commissioner, Legislative Services/City Solicitor
Jasbir Raina, Chief Administrative Officer
Sriram Ramen, Manager, Government Relations
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 - DBIA Recognition

Approval of Minutes

Moved by Councillor Beamer
Seconded by Councillor Crowley

That the meeting minutes of March 30, and April 20, 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 Haacke declared an interest in Lease, Report LSOCS26-017, as the applicant is a client.

Councillor Vassiliadis declared an interest in Designation of 181-191 Simcoe Street, Report IPGPL26-031, as he deals with the owner of the property in a business capacity.

Clean Streets Peterborough – Responding to Community Needs for a Cleaner City, Report MOCOM26-001

Heather Munro, Town Ward

Winter Shelter Response Plan, Report CSSS26-006

Rodney Marois, Town Ward

Margie Sumadh, Town Ward

Rob Hailman, Town Ward

Mary-Ellen Meyers Northcrest Ward

Consent Items

Moved by Councillor Parnell
Seconded by Councillor Duguay

That reports Appeal, Report IPGPL26-026, Council Code of Conduct Amendments CAOPC26-004, Activity Haven Agreement and Designation of a Municipal Capital Facility, Report CSD26-004, Better Homes Peterborough Local Improvement Charge By-laws, Report IPGACP26-017, Non-Standard Procurement – Security Services, MOMLES26-001, Corporate Accessibility Policy, Report FCSFPM26-022, Emergency Management Program Updates and Proposed Enhancements, Report FCSERM26-005, Armour Road Traffic Operations Review – Hunter Street to Parkhill Road, Report IPGENG26-014 and Windrow Removal Subsidy Pilot Program, Report MOCOM26-002 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)

Appeal, Report IPGPL26-026

That Council approve the recommendation outlined in Report IPGPL26-026, dated May 25, 2026, of the Commissioner of Infrastructure, Planning and Growth Management and City Solicitor as follows:

That staff be authorized to proceed as outlined in Closed Session Report IPGPL26-026 dated May 25, 2026, of the Commissioner of Infrastructure, Planning and Growth Management and the City Solicitor respecting an appeal filed to the Ontario Land Tribunal by the property owner regarding 359 Hunter Street West.

Council Code of Conduct Amendments, Report CAOPC26-004

That Council approves the recommendations outlined in Report CAOPC26-004 dated May 25, 2026 of the Director, People and Culture as follows:

a) That the City of Peterborough's existing Council Code of Conduct, being By-Law 19-028 be repealed; and

b) That the updated draft Council Code of Conduct, By-law 26-050 attached as Appendix B, be approved.

Activity Haven Agreement and Designation of a Municipal Capital Facility, Report CSD26-004

That Council approve the recommendations outlined in Report CSD26-004, dated May 25, 2026, of the Commissioner of Community Services as follows:

a) That the Mayor and Clerk be authorized to execute a Municipal Capital Facility agreement, which will also be a 20-year lease, with Activity Haven Senior Centre (Peterborough) in a form acceptable to the Commissioner of Community Services and on terms satisfactory with the City Solicitor; and

b) That the draft By-law attached as Appendix A be approved to authorize a Municipal Capital Facility agreement with Activity Haven Senior Centre (Peterborough) to exempt the Queen Alexandra Community Centre located at 180 Barnardo Avenue, in the City of Peterborough, from taxation for municipal and school purposes and designate the facility as a municipal capital facility.

Better Homes Peterborough Local Improvement Charge By-Laws, Report IPGACP26-017

That Council approve the recommendations outlined in Report IPGACP26-017, dated May 25, 2026, of the Commissioner of Infrastructure, Planning, and Growth Management as follows:

That Council adopt a By-Law for the Better Homes Peterborough Local Improvement Charge, in the form attached as Appendix A to Report IPGACP26-017, being a by-law which (1) permits specific work undertaken by a homeowner to be a local improvement under the City's Better Homes Peterborough program; and (2) authorizes the Commissioner of Infrastructure, Planning and Growth Management or the Director, Asset Management and Capital Planning, to pass by-

laws, in substantially the form attached as Appendix B to Report IPGACP26-017, being a bylaw which authorizes a Better Homes Peterborough Local Improvement Charge to be imposed on consenting homeowners.

Non-Standard Procurement – Security Services, MOMLES26-001

That Council approve the recommendation outlined in Report MOMLES26-001, dated May 25, 2026 of the Commissioner, Municipal Operations as follows:

That a contract for security services at Riverview Park and Zoo, the Peterborough Public Library, and for services related to after hours functions of City Hall be continued and extended through Maxama Protection Inc., 234 Romaine Street, Peterborough, Ontario, K9J 2C5, as a Non-Standard Procurement, for the period being extended from April 30, 2026 to December 31, 2026, at a cost of up to $252,350.64 plus applicable taxes of $32,805.58 for a total cost of $285,156.22.

Corporate Accessibility Policy, Report FCSFPM26-022

That Council approve the recommendation outlined in Report FCSFPM26-022, dated May 25, 2026, of the Commissioner, Finance and Corporate Support Services as follows:

That the City of Peterborough Corporate Accessibility Policy attached to Report FCSFPM26-022 as Appendix A, be approved.

Emergency Management Program Updates and Proposed Enhancements, Report FCSERM26-005

That Council approve the recommendations outlined in Report FCSERM26-005, dated May 25, 2026, of the Commissioner, Finance and Corporate Support Services as follows:

a) That respecting the City's Emergency Management Program, legislative requirements, current program structure, and evolving risk environment, the Report be received for information;

b) That Council endorse the proposed Emergency Management Program and Plan enhancements, including formalizing the Incident Management Team model, strengthened regional collaboration, and support ongoing improvements;

c) That Council recognize emergency management as a strategic investment in community safety, service continuity, and economic resilience, and direct staff to continue advancing emergency management capacity building to ensure program sustainability; and

d) That in accordance with the requirements of the Emergency Management and Civil Protection Act; Council approve a By-law substantially in the form of Appendix B, to adopt the City's Emergency Management Program and Plan; to formally appoint the Community Emergency Management Coordinator(s), members of the Emergency Management Program Committee and Emergency Control Group.

Armour Road Traffic Operations Review – Hunter Street to Parkhill Road, Report IPGENG26-014

That the General Committee approve the recommendations outlined in Report IPGENG26-014, dated May 25, 2026, of the Commissioner of Infrastructure, Planning and Growth Management as follows:

a) That the 7 Short-Term Objectives outlined in report IPGENG26-014 be approved and that staff be directed to proceed with implementation of these 7 Short-Term Objectives in 2026;

b) That funds in the amount of $250,000 be pre-committed to the Capital Project for Armour Road Corridor Improvements in 2027 (budget 26-034) to implement the Medium-Term Objective outlined in report IPGENG26-014; and

c) That By-laws be passed to amend the appropriate Schedules and Articles of By-law 23-075 (Speed), By-law 09-136 (Parking), and By-law 13-098 (Community Safety Zone) to authorize the implementation of the Short-Term and Medium-Term Objectives as outlined in recommendations a) and b).

Windrow Removal Subsidy Pilot Program, Report MOCOM26-002

That Council approve the recommendations outlined in Report MOCOM26-002, dated May 25, 2026 of the Commissioner Municipal Operations as follows:

a) That the recommended Pilot Windrow Removal Subsidy Program be approved for the 2026-2027 winter season;

b) That a budget of $45,000 be pre-committed for the 2027 budget withing the Public Works budget to deliver the Program;

c) That the volunteer snow removal program, Snow Angels be initiated by the City; and

d) That Staff be directed to report back to Council on the success of the 2026/2027 Program in early 2027.

Lease, Report LSOCS26-017

Due to his previously declared interest, Councillor Haacke did not discuss or vote on the matter.

Moved by Councillor Beamer
Seconded by Councillor Vassiliadis

That Council approve the recommendation outlined in Report LSOCS26-017, dated May 25, 2026, of the City Solicitor as follows:

That staff be directed to proceed as outlined in Closed Session Report LSOCS26-017 dated May 25, 2026, of the City Solicitor respecting 475 George Street North.

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

Conflict (1): Councillor Haacke

Carried (10 to 0)

2026 Asset Management Planning Update, Report IPGACP26-016

Moved by Councillor Bierk
Seconded by Councillor Vassiliadis

That Council approve the recommendation outlined in Report IPGACP26-016, dated May 25, 2026, of the Commissioner, Infrastructure, Planning and Growth Management as follows:

That the report on the City's Asset Management Planning progress be received for information.

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)

Delegation of Authority during Restricted Acts Period (Lame Duck), Report LSCLK26-014

Councillor Bierk moved a motion to remove section two of the by-law in its entirety.

The Chair ruled the motion out of order.

Moved by Councillor Bierk
Seconded by Councillor Vassiliadis

That the ruling of the Chair be supported.

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

Against (4): Councillor Bierk, Councillor Crowley, Councillor Lachica, and Councillor Riel

Carried (7 to 4)

Moved by Councillor Riel
Seconded by Councillor Bierk

That Report LSCLK26-014 and related by-law be deferred.

For (4): Councillor Bierk, Councillor Crowley, Councillor Lachica, and Councillor Riel

Against (7): Councillor Baldwin, Councillor Beamer, Councillor Duguay, Councillor Haacke, Mayor Leal, Councillor Parnell, and Councillor Vassiliadis

Lost (4 to 7)

That General Committee approve the recommendations outlined in Report LSCLK26-014, dated May 25, 2026, of the Commissioner of Legislative Services as follows:

a) That the draft By-law, attached as Appendix A to Report LSCLK26-014, to delegate authority during the Restricted Acts Period be approved; and,

b) That the By-law only be effective if a Restricted Acts Period is declared and remain in effect until the inaugural meeting of the new Council.

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

Against (4): Councillor Bierk, Councillor Crowley, Councillor Lachica, and Councillor Riel

Carried (7 to 4)

Clean Streets Peterborough- Responding to Community Needs for a Cleaner City, Report MOCOM26-001

Moved by Councillor Lachica
Seconded by Councillor Bierk

m) That Staff establish an agreement with rail partners(CPKC) regarding the clearance of items within their corridor/property lines.

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 Lachica
Seconded by Councillor Bierk

That Council approve the recommendations as amended:

a) That the presentation on the Clean Streets Peterborough Program be received for information;

b) That the Clean Streets Peterborough Program be approved as a coordinated waste management, education, compliance, and enforcement initiative;

c) That Council amend the Waste Collection By-Law 23-106 by passing amending By-Law 26-XXX in the form attached hereto as Appendix B;

e) That Staff launch a Clean Streets Peterborough communication and engagement campaign;

f) That Staff improve the public reporting process for illegal dumping and improper waste set-out;

g) That Staff undertake targeted outreach to landlords, property managers, the DBIA, and multi-residential properties to support collection education;

h) That Council approve amendments to By-law 25-128 being a By-law to establish User Fees as approved as part of the 2026 Budget Process, to Change the Large Article Collection fee from the current rate of $60 for the first item, $30 for each additional item, to a 2026 rate of Free, and a 2026 budget revenue forecast change from $22,000 to Zero.

i) That Council approve amendments to By-law 25-128 being a By-law to establish User Fees as approved as part of the 2026 Budget Process, to change 100 L SSO green bin carts sold from the current rate of $88.49 per unit to $35.40 per unit.

j) That the pause on issuance of new administrative penalties under By-law 23-106 for unattributed/orphaned garbage on Boulevards within the area bounded by and including the following municipal roads: Park Street, McDonnel Street, Water Street and Sherbrooke Street be lifted and that enforcement resume under the authority of this by-law.

k) That Council request that CPKC respond to and action the request from the City to remove all waste materials from their corridors and implement a report and response program that allows for the community and the City to identify waste that is dumped on these lands for timely cleaning response; and

l) That Staff monitor the results of the Clean Streets Peterborough Program and report back to Council after the first year of implementation.

m) That Staff establish an agreement with rail partners(CPKC) regarding the clearance of items within their corridor/property lines.

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 Lachica
Seconded by Councillor Bierk

d) That Staff implement a targeted surveillance camera pilot at selected parks and public space locations

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)

Winter Shelter Response Plan, Report CSSS26-006

Moved by Councillor Haacke
Seconded by Councillor Beamer

That Report CSSS26-006, Winter Shelter Response Plan, be referred to staff for consideration of alternative shelter sites and to report back to Council in August.

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

Against (6): Councillor Baldwin, Councillor Bierk, Councillor Crowley, Councillor Lachica, Councillor Parnell, and Councillor Riel

Lost (5 to 6)

Councillor Haacke left the meeting at 8:15 p.m. and returned at 8:18 p.m.

Councillor Crowley left the meeting at 8:58 p.m. and returned at 9:00 p.m.

Moved by Councillor Baldwin
Seconded by Councillor Duguay

That Council pre-commit the necessary funds to run the Winter Shelter Response Plan for a period of six months.

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)

Designation of 181-191 Simcoe Street, Report IPGPL26-031

Due to his previously declared intertest, Councillor Vassiliadis did not discuss or vote on the matter.

Moved by Councillor Beamer
Seconded by Councillor Haacke

That the recommendation of the Peterborough Architectural Conservation Advisory Committee (PACAC) that Council designate the property at 181-191 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.

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

Conflict (1): Councillor Vassiliadis

Carried (10 to 0)

Approval of By-laws

Moved by Councillor Parnell
Seconded by Councillor Duguay

That the following By-laws:

26-050 Being a By-law to establish a Code of Conduct for Members of the Council of The Corporation of the City of Peterborough and certain Local Boards

26-051 Being a By-law to authorize the undertaking of energy efficiency, energy, climate change adaptation and mitigation, and water conservation works on private residential property as local improvements under the Better Homes Peterborough residential energy retrofit program

26-052 Being a By-law to temporarily exempt Blocks 361 and 362 Registered Plan 45M-257 from Part Lot Control

26-053 Being a By-law to appoint a Deputy Treasurer and to Repeal By-law 19-055

26-054 Being a By-law to establish Tax Ratios for prescribed property classes for the 2026 taxation year

26-055 Being a By-law to levy and collect taxes for municipal, education and business improvement area purposes for the year 2026, to impose a penalty charge for non-payment of 2026 taxes, to provide for interest to be added to tax arrears

26-056 Being a By-law to adopt an Emergency Program and Emergency Management Plan in accordance with the requirements of the Emergency Management and Civil Protection Act

26-057 Being a By-law to temporarily Delegate Certain Authorities to the CAO During a Restricted Period During the 2026 Municipal Election

26-058 Being a By-Law to amend City of Peterborough Waste Collection By-law 23-106

26-059 Being a By-Law to amend 2026 User Fee By-law 25-128

26-060 Being a By-law to authorize an agreement with Activity Haven Seniors Centre (Peterborough) for the provision by it of a municipal capital facility, namely the Queen Alexandra Community Centre located at 180 Barnardo Avenue, in the City of Peterborough, from taxation for municipal and school purposes

26-061 Being a By-law to Amend By-Law 09-136 a By-Law for the Regulation of Parking in the City of Peterborough

26-062 Being a By-law to Amend By-Law 13-098 being a By-Law to Designate a Part of a Highway in the City of Peterborough as a Community Safety Zone

26-063 Being a By-law to Amend By-Law 23-075 being a By-Law to Regulate Speed Limits on certain streets in the City of Peterborough

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 Haacke

That Bylaw 26-064 Being a By-law to confirm the proceedings of the Council at its meeting held on June 1, 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 Parnell
Seconded by Councillor Baldwin

That this meeting be adjourned at 9:06 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