General Committee Minutes

Council Chambers, City Hall

September 2, 2025

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

Staff: Brad Appleby, Director, Planning, Development and Urban Design
Gillian Barnes, Director, Facilities and Property Management
Richard Freymond, Commissioner, Finance and Corporate Support Services
Natalie Garnett, Deputy City Clerk
Darryl Julott, Director, Economic Development
John Kennedy, City Clerk
Caroline Kimball, Manager, Policy Planning
Sheldon Laidman, Commissioner, Community Services
Ailan McKenzie, Senior Project Manager
Blair Nelson, Commissioner, Infrastructure, Planning & Growth Management
David Potts, Commissioner, Legislative Services, City Solicitor
Jasbir Raina, Chief Administrative Officer
Sriram Raman, Manager, Government Relations
Ilmar Simanovskis, Director, Municipal Operations
Brendan Wedley, Director, Strategic Communications & Service Peterborough

Open Session - 5:00 p.m.

The meeting was called to order at 5:00 p.m.

Adoption of Minutes

Moved by Mayor Leal

That the minutes from the General Committee meeting of August 5, 2025, be approved.

For (11): Councillor Baldwin, Councillor Beamer, Chair, 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 Duguay declared a conflict with Report of Closed Session, Report LSRS25-010 – Proposed Land Acquisition, as he has a business relationship with the property owner.

Presentations

Police Stations Renovations and Expansion Project Update, Report FCSFPM25-028

Moved by Councillor Bierk

Be it resolved that Report FCSFPM25-028 be referred back to staff, and that Recommendations (b) and (c) not be approved at this time; and that staff report back with:
1. A detailed compliance matrix mapping the specific requirements of the Community Safety and Policing Act, the Ontario Building Code, and any other applicable standards to each facility element and its associated square footage, clearly identifying which elements are mandated and which are discretionary; and
2. A Class C (or better) estimate and life-cycle analysis for two options: (i) 95,000 sq ft (2019 program right-sized for mandates), (ii) 110,000 sq ft, each with risk/contingency;
3. A budget showing only police facility costs, excluding Civic Administration or future development, with a defined funding plan and budget cap;
4. Written confirmation that no decision to relocate City Hall or Civic Administration functions to 1421 Lansdowne Street is included in this item, and that any such proposal will require a separate report, costing, public engagement, and Council decision.

For (6): Councillor Beamer, Chair, Councillor Bierk, Councillor Crowley, Councillor Haacke, Councillor Lachica, and Councillor Riel

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

Carried (6 to 5)

Multi-Use Sport and Event Centre RFQ and RFP Process, Report CSD25-008

Councillor Parnell requested that item d) iii be separated for vote.

Moved by Mayor Leal

That Council approve the recommendations outlined in Report CSD25-008, dated August 25, 2025 of the Commissioner of Community Services as follows:

a) That the presentation from Sierra Planning and Management be received for information;

b) That Council approve the use of the property located at 182 Townsend Street as the preferred location of a future Multi Use Sport and Event Centre;

c) That Council direct staff to undertake a multi-phased RFQ and RFP process as described in this report to facilitate the next step in this process; and

d) That the RFQ include not only 182 Townsend Street but also;

i. the portion of the Townsend Street right of way between Aylmer and George Streets,

ii. municipally owned properties on Wolfe Street; and

For (9): Councillor Baldwin, Councillor Beamer, Chair, 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)

Moved by Mayor Leal

d) iii. the existing Memorial Centre property east of Roger Neilson Way as described further in the report.

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

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

Carried (8 to 3)

Committee Reports

Treasurer's Report, 2024 Consolidated Financial Report, 2024 Trust Funds Financial Statement and Five-Year Review, Report FCSFS25-016

Moved by Councillor Bierk

That Council approve the recommendations outlined in Report FCSFS25-016 dated August 25, 2025, of the Commissioner of Finance & Corporate Support Services as follows:

a) That Report FCSFS25-016, Treasurer's Report, 2024 Consolidated Financial Report, the 2024 Trust Funds Financial Statement and Five-Year Review be received as information; and

b) That the underlying accounting policies as detailed in the Notes to the Financial Statements included in Appendix C, be approved; and

c) That the Treasurer's Report, 2024 Consolidated Financial Report and 2024 Trust Funds Financial Statement as received, be submitted to the Province of Ontario.

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

Carried (11 to 0)

Cash-in-Lieu of Parking Policy, Report IPGPL25-036

Moved by Councillor Duguay

That the Question be Put.

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

Against (1): Councillor Bierk

Carried (10 to 1)

Moved by Councillor Duguay

That the General Committee approve the recommendations outlined in Report IPGPL25-036, dated August 25, 2025, of the Commissioner of Infrastructure, Planning and Growth Management as follows:

a) That Report IPGPL25-036 regarding the Cash-in-Lieu of Parking Policy be received; and,

b) That the Cash-in-Lieu of Parking Policy be adopted by Council in accordance with the draft Policy attached as Appendix A of Report IPGPL25-036.

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

Against (1): Councillor Riel

Carried (10 to 1)

Proposed Partial Demolition at 90 Hunter Street East (Mark Street United Church), Report IPGPL25-046

Moved by Councillor Baldwin

That the report for demolition be referred to PACAC for consideration.

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

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

Lost (4 to 7)

Moved by Councillor Parnell

That Council approve the recommendations outlined in Report IPGPL25-046, dated September 2, 2025, of the Commissioner of Infrastructure, Planning and Growth Management as follows:

a) That Council acknowledge receipt of a notice of intention to demolish the Christian Education Centre portion of Mark Street United Church at 90 Hunter Street East issued pursuant to subsection 27(9) of the Ontario Heritage Act, R.S.O. 1990, c.O.18; and

b) That Council advise the property owner that it has no objection to the proposed demolition of the Christian Education Centre portion of Mark Street United Church at 90 Hunter Street East, generally as outlined in Appendix A to report IPGPL25-046, prior to any Council consideration of designating the property under Part IV, subsection 29(1) of the Ontario Heritage Act, R.S.O. 1990, c.O.18.

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

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

Carried (7 to 4)

Report of Closed Session

Agreement, Report FCSFS25-019

Moved by Mayor Leal

That Council approve the recommendation outlined in Report FCSFS25-019 dated August 25, 2025, of the Commissioner, Finance and Corporate Support Services, as follows:

That Council authorize staff to proceed as outlined in Closed Session Report FCSFS25-019 dated August 25, 2025, of the Commissioner, Finance and Corporate Support Services, respecting an Agreement with the Township of Selwyn and the Peterborough Police Service Board, for the City to provide

Contract Police Services to the Lakefield Ward within the Township for a five year period January 1, 2026 to December 31, 2030.

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

Carried (11 to 0)

Small Claims Litigation

Moved by Councillor Crowley

That Council approve the recommendation outlined in Report LSOCS25-013, dated August 25, 2025 of the City Solicitor as follows:

That staff be directed to proceed as outlined in Closed Session Report LSOCS25-013 dated August 25, 2025 of the City Solicitor respecting Small Claims litigation.

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

Carried (11 to 0)

Litigation Update, Report LSOCS25-009

Moved by Councillor Haacke

That Council receive for information Report LSOCS25-009, dated August 25, 2025 of the City Solicitor respecting a litigation update.

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

Carried (11 to 0)

Proposed Land Acquisition, Report LSRS25-010

Due to his previously declared conflict, Councillor Duguay did not discuss or vote on this item.

Moved by Councillor Parnell

That Council approve the recommendation outlined in Report LSRS25-010, dated August 25, 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 LSRS25-010 dated August 25, 2025, of the Commissioner, Legislative Services

For (6): Councillor Baldwin, Councillor Crowley, Councillor Haacke, Mayor Leal, Councillor Riel, and Councillor Vassiliadis

Against (4): Councillor Beamer, Chair, Councillor Bierk, Councillor Lachica, and Councillor Parnell

Conflict (1): Councillor Duguay

Carried (6 to 4)

Civic Award Nominations, Report LSCLK25-016

Moved by Councillor Baldwin

That Council approve the recommendation outlined in Report LSCLK25-016, dated August 25, 2025, 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 LSCLK25-016, dated August 25, 2025, of the City Clerk on behalf of the Citizen Appointments Selection Working Group, respecting 2024 Civic Awards for Youth Volunteer of the Year, the Holnbeck Award and a Community Betterment Award.

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

Carried (11 to 0)

Proposed Land Acquisition, Report LSRS25-012

Moved by Councillor Baldwin

That Council approve the recommendation outlined in Report LSRS25-012, dated August 25, 2025, of the Commissioner, Legislative Services as follows:

That respecting a potential acquisition of an interest in property, staff be directed to proceed as outlined in Closed Session Report LSRS25-012 dated August 25, 2025 of the Commissioner, Legislative Services.

For (9): Councillor Baldwin, Councillor Beamer, Chair, 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)

Notice of Motion

There was no Notice of Motion.

Other Business

There were no items of Other Business.

Adjournment

Moved by Councillor Duguay

That this meeting be adjourned at 9:11 p.m.

For (11): Councillor Baldwin, Councillor Beamer, Chair, 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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Councillor Beamer

Chair