City Council Minutes

Council Chambers, City Hall

August 31, 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
Sarah Deeth, Communications Specialist
Rob Dunford, Manager, Transportation Planning
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
Jennifer McFarlane, Director, People & Culture
Laken McFarlane, Administrative Assistant
Blair Nelson, Commissioner, Infrastructure Planning & Growth Management
David Potts, Commissioner, Legislative Services/City Solicitor
Jasbir Raina, Chief Administrative Officer
Ilmar Simanovskis, Commissioner, Municipal Operations
Barry Wakeford, Direct, Transit Services

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 6:02 p.m.

United Way Presentation

Approval of Minutes

Moved by Councillor Vassiliadis
Seconded by Councillor Beamer

That the Council meeting minutes of May 11, June 1, June 15 and June 29, 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

There were no disclosures of Pecuniary Interest.

Registered Delegations

Alternative Fuel Study for Transit Vehicles, Report IPGACP26-023

Rod Marois, Town Ward

Pilot Program – One City Clean Team Initiative and Employment Opportunity, Report MOCOM26-004

George Horton, Town Ward

Licensing

Tracey Smith, Parklands Community Action Group

City Security

Jennifer Reuby, Town Ward

Consent Items

Moved by Councillor Vassiliadis
Seconded by Councillor Parnell

That Report LSRS26-018 – Potential Land Acquisition, Report FCSCS26-005 – Naming Rights, Delegated Authority for Animal Care Support at Riverview Park & Zoo - Report CSRCS26-019, Fleet Replacement Reserve Strategy - Report MOPW26-001, Alternative Fuel Study for Transit Vehicles - Report IPGACP26-023, Peterborough Housing Corporation Annual General Report - Report CSSS26-007, Revised Community Safety and Well-being Plan 2026-2030 - Report CSD26-006, Park Street North Improvement Project - Report IPGACP26-030, Award of RFP-91-26 Integrity Commissioner Services - Report LSCLK26-018, Peterborough Regional Airport Air Traffic Services - Federal Advocacy - Report MOAIR26-008, Licensing, and Auto Mayors Motion, be approved as part of the Consent Agenda.

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)

Report LSRS26-018 – Potential Land Acquisition

That Council approve the recommendation outlined in Report LSRS26-018, dated August 24, 2026, of the Commissioner, Legislative Services as follows:

That, respecting a proposed land acquisition, staff be directed to proceed as outlined in Closed Session Report LSRS26-018 dated August 24, 2026, of the Commissioner, Legislative Services.

Report FCSCS26-005 – Naming Rights

That Council approve the recommendation outlined in Report FCSCS26-005, dated August 24, 2026, of the Commissioner, Finance & Corporate Support Services as follows:

That staff be directed to proceed as outlined in Closed Session Report FCSCS26-005 dated August 24, 2026, of the Commissioner, Finance & Corporate Support Services respecting a Naming Right.

Delegated Authority for Animal Care Support at Riverview Park & Zoo, Report CSRCS26-019

That Council approve the recommendation outlined in Report CSPRCS26-019, dated August 24, 2026, of the Acting Commissioner of Community Services as follows:

That the Commissioner of Community Services and their delegates, in consultation with the Director of Recreation, Parks and Cultural Services, be authorized to do such things and execute such documents as considered appropriate by the said Commissioner with respect to governance and operations of the Riverview Park and Zoo (RPZ) to maintain CAZA accreditation within the City Council-approved budget.

Fleet Replacement Reserve Strategy, Report MOPW26-001

That Council approve the recommendation outlined in Report MOPW26-001, dated August 24, 2026 of the Commissioner Municipal Operations as follows:

That the Corporation of The City of Peterborough Fleet Replacement Reserve Strategy for Municipal Operations be received for information.

Alternative Fuel Study for Transit Vehicles, Report IPGACP26-023

Amended Recommendation:

That Council approve the recommendations as follows:

a) That the presentation from Arcadis be received for information;

b) That the recommendations on Report IPGACP26-023 - Alternative Fuel Study for Transit Vehicles be deferred for the 2026-2030 Council to consider.

Peterborough Housing Corporation Annual General Report, Report CSSS26-007

That Council approve the recommendations outlined in Report CSSS26-007, dated August 24, 2026 of the Acting Commissioner of Community Services as follows:

a) That the Peterborough Housing Corporation 2024/25 Annual Report, attached as Appendix A, be approved;

b) That the Peterborough Housing Corporation Audited Financial Statements for 2024 and 2025 attached as Appendix B, be approved;

c) That Baker Tilly LLP be appointed as the auditor for Peterborough Housing Corporation until the next AGM;

d) That the amendments to the Shareholder Direction, as set out herein, be approved; and

e) The slate of Directors, as set out herein, be approved.

Revised Community Safety and Well-being Plan 2026-2030, Report CSD26-006

That Council approve the recommendations outlined in Report CSD26-006, dated August 24, 2026, of the Acting Commissioner of Community Services as follows:

a) That the updated Community Safety and Well-being Plan 2026-2030 be endorsed; and

b) That this Report be submitted to the Solicitor General of Ontario to meet requirements under the Safer Ontario Act.

Park Street North Improvement Project, Report IPGACP26-030

That the Council approve the recommendations outlined in Report IPGACP26-030, dated August 24, 2026, of the Commissioner of Infrastructure, Planning, and Growth Management as follows:

a) That the recommended improvements to Park Street North as outlined in Report IPGACP26-030 be approved and that staff be directed to proceed with implementation; and

b) That By-laws be passed to amend the appropriate Schedules and Articles of By-law 23-075 (Speed) and By-law 09-136 (Parking) to authorize the implementation of recommendation a).

Award of RFP-91-26 Integrity Commissioner Services, Report LSCLK26-018

That Council approve the recommendations outlined in Report LSCLK26-018, dated August 24, 2026, of the Commissioner, Legislative Services as follows:

a) That RFP-91-26, Integrity Commissioner Services be awarded to David Boghosian of Boghosian & Allen LLP., 37 Spadina Road, Toronto, Ontario, M5R 2S9 for a contract term of four years ending December 31, 2030, to whom is assigned the investigative, reporting and, as applicable, inquiry functions

outlined in clauses 223.3(1) 1, 2 and 3 of the Municipal Act, 2001, S.O. 2001, c. 25, with an option in favour of the City to extend the agreement on the same terms and conditions, for an additional term to a maximum of three, one-year extensions.

b) That Council extend the appointment of John Ewart of Ewart O'Dwyer as Integrity Commissioner for a term expiring December 31, 2030, to whom is assigned the advice-giving and educational functions outlined in clauses 223.3(1) 4, 5, 6 and 7 of the Municipal Act, 2001, S.O. 2001, c. 25, with an option in favour of the City to extend the agreement on the same terms and conditions, for an additional term to a maximum of three, one-year extensions.

Peterborough Regional Airport Air Traffic Services - Federal Advocacy, Report MOAIR26-008

That Council approve the recommendation outlined in Report MOAIR26-008, dated August 24, 2026, of the Commissioner, Municipal Operations, as follows:

That Council endorse the Resolution attached as Appendix A.

Licensing

That staff report back on options to prohibit, outside Strategic Growth Areas, the separate rental of more than one bedroom within a dwelling unit, except within legally established self-contained residential units or Additional Residential Units that comply with applicable requirements;

And that the report identify any legal limitations on the City's authority and recommend the strongest legally defensible zoning, licensing and enforcement measures available, including measures to prevent circumvention;

And that staff also report on whether, as an alternative to restricting room-by-room rentals, rentals above an appropriate threshold could be subject to enhanced licensing, inspection, property-management and safety requirements, including increased cost-recovery fees and escalating penalties for non-compliance.

Auto Mayors Motion

WHEREAS the Auto Mayors work collaboratively at the provincial and federal orders of government to promote awareness, advocacy and strategic policy initiatives that strengthen the Canadian economy through advancements and investments in the automotive sector;

WHEREAS continued progress toward tariff-free access to the U.S. market and maintaining an integrated North American auto sector remain the auto sector's top priority;

WHEREAS the Auto Mayors welcome ongoing collaboration with the Province and the Federal government on greenhouse gas regulations and electrification targets and policies that reflect current market demand, infrastructure readiness and alignment with the U.S.;

WHEREAS the Auto Mayors are ready to work with Federal partners on a coordinated approach to global competition that ensures Canada remains an attractive destination for investment;

WHEREAS strengthening domestic production requires aligning tariff remission frameworks with manufacturing levels and strengthening Buy Ontario procurement policies to ensure public sector fleet purchasing continues to support Ontario based manufacturers;

AND WHEREAS regular review and monitoring of industrial electricity rates, including how domestic rates compare to export rates, will help ensure Ontario manufacturers remain competitive and positioned for growth.

THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED THAT the City of Peterborough, as a member of the Auto Mayors Caucus, support the Auto Mayors' continued efforts to highlight the automotive sector's local economic impact, including jobs, supply chains, and community stability, while supporting the automotive ecosystem through business retention and economic development efforts;

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT the City of Peterborough joins with the Auto Mayors to support the Federal government's ongoing efforts in the Canada-U.S. trade negotiations to protect and secure the long-term prosperity of Canada's automotive industry;

AND BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED THAT this motion be shared with the Right Honourable Mark Carney, Prime Minister of Canada, the Honourable Dominic LeBlanc, President of the King's Privy Council for Canada and Minister responsible for Canada-U.S. Trade, Intergovernmental Affairs, Internal Trade and One Canadian Economy, the Honourable Melanie Joly, Minister of Industry, the Honourable Anita Anand, Minister of Foreign Affairs, the Honourable Maninder Sidhu, Minister of International Trade, Parliamentary Secretary Karim Bardeesy, MP Emma Harrison, Premier Doug Ford, the Honourable Vic Fedeli, Ontario Minister of Economic Development, Job Creation and Trade, MPP Dave Smith, the Federation of Canadian Municipalities (FCM), the Association of Municipalities of Ontario (AMO), the Ontario Big City Mayors (OBCM), and key automotive industry stakeholders.

Pilot Program- One City Clean Team Initiative and Employment Opportunity, Report MOCOM26-004

Moved by Councillor Bierk
Seconded by Councillor Crowley

That Council approve the recommendations outlined in Report MOCOM26-004, dated August 24, 2026 of the Commissioner, Municipal Operations as follows:

a) That Council approve funding of $25,000 to One City Community Development Services for the delivery of an eight-week Community Stewardship – Clean Streets pilot program in the fall of 2026, focused on the downtown area;

b) That the program be funded from existing program funding for waste collection and operations;

c) That the Commissioner, Municipal Operations, be authorized to execute an agreement with One City Community Development Services for the administration and delivery of the program on terms acceptable to the said Commissioner and in a form acceptable to the City Solicitor; and

d) That staff report back to Council in early 2027 on the outcome of the pilot and recommendations for potential continuation and expansion of the Community Stewardship Program, including opportunities to leverage funding from local businesses, community organizations and other partners.

For (8): Councillor Baldwin, Councillor Bierk, Councillor Crowley, Councillor Duguay, Councillor Haacke, Councillor Lachica, Mayor Leal, and Councillor Riel

Against (3): Councillor Beamer, Councillor Parnell, and Councillor Vassiliadis

Carried (8 to 3)

City Security

Moved by Councillor Crowley
Seconded by Councillor Duguay

That Council direct staff to report back for the 2027 budget on options to improve safety and enforcement in City parks and facilities.

The report should include the costs and benefits of:

1) a dedicated on-site security presence at one location, either seasonal or year-round;

2) an additional Municipal Law Enforcement Services mobile unit;

3) a hybrid of both; and

4) any other options staff may recommend.

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)

Approval of By-laws

Moved by Councillor Duguay
Seconded by Councillor Parnell

That the following By-laws:

26-099 Being a By-law to Designate Certain Properties in the City of Peterborough Under the Ontario Heritage Act, R.S.O. 1990, c. O.18 (270-280 Perry Street)

26-100 Being a By-law to Amend By-Law 09-136 being a By-Law for the Regulation of Parking in the City of Peterborough

26-101 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

26-102 Being a By-law to amend City-wide development charges for all types of residential development 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 Crowley
Seconded by Councillor Haacke

That By-law 26-103 Being a By-law to confirm the proceedings of the Council at its meeting held on August 31, 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 Beamer

That this meeting be adjourned at 6:59 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