General Committee Minutes

Council Chambers, City Hall

March 2, 2026

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

Regrets: Councillor Haacke
Councillor Parnell

Staff: Ian Boland, Director, Asset Management and Capital Planning (Acting)
Robert Dunford, Manager, Transportation Planning
Richard Freymond, Commissioner, Finance and Corporate Support Services
Natalie Garnett, Deputy City Clerk
Greg Giles, Director, Engineering and Capital Works
Darryl Julott, Director, Economic Development
Chris Kawalec, Manager, Community Development Program
John Kennedy, City Clerk
Sheldon Laidman, Commissioner, Community Services
David Potts, Commissioner, Legislative Services, City Solicitor
Jasbir Raina, Chief Administrative Officer
Ilmar Simanovskis, Commissioner, Municipal Operations
Brendan Wedley, Director, Strategic Communications & Service Peterborough

Closed Session - 5:00 p.m., Sutherland Room

Closed session Consent Items

Moved by Councillor Vassiliadis

That closed session items Litigation Instructions - OLD HRTO Matter - Report LSOCS26-010, Expropriation of lands for Road Widening - Permanent Easements Over 2 properties on Lansdowne Street West - Report LSRS26-004, and Expropriation of Lands for Road Widening - Report LSRS26-005 be passed on Consent.

Carried

Resolution to meet in Closed Session

Moved by Mayor Leal

That Committee enter closed session to discuss one item under Section 239(2)(f) advice that is subject to solicitor-client privilege, including communications necessary for that purpose.

Carried

Closed Session adjourned at 5:25

Open Session - 6:00 p.m., Council Chambers

Adoption of Minutes

Moved by Councillor Lachica

That the minutes of the General Committee meetings of January 26 and February 2, 2026 be approved.

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

Carried (9 to 0)

Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest

There were no disclosures of Pecuniary Interest.

Report of Closed Session

Litigation Instructions

That Council approve the recommendation outlined in Report LSOCS26-010, dated March 2, 2026 of the City Solicitor as follows:

That staff be directed to proceed as outlined in Closed Session Report LSOCS26-010 dated March 2, 2026 of the City Solicitor respecting Litigation Instructions – Old HRTO Matter.

Land Matter

That Council approve the recommendation outlined in Report LSRS26-004, dated March 2, 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 LSRS26-004 dated March 2, 2026, of the Commissioner, Legislative Services.

Land Matter

That Council approve the recommendation outlined in Report LSRS26-005, dated March 2, 2026, of the Commissioner, Legislative Services as follows:

That, respecting a proposed expropriation of lands for road widening, Council proceed as outlined in Closed Session Report LSRS26-005 dated March 2, 2026, of the Commissioner, Legislative Services.

Potential Land Acquisition

Moved by Councillor Crowley

That closed session Report LSOCS26-004 be received for information.

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

Carried (9 to 0)

Consent Items

Moved by Councillor Riel

That items 2026 Community Project and Investment Grants and funding for EC3 in 2027 - Report CSD26-001, and Annual Drinking Water Summary Report - Report MOWAT26-002 be approved on Consent.

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

Carried (9 to 0)

2026 Community Project and Investment Grants and funding for EC3 in 2027, Report CSD26-001

That Council approve the recommendations outlined in Report CSD26-001, dated March 2, 2026 of the Commissioner of Community Services as follows:

a) That the recommendations of the Community Project Grant Committee in the total amount of $20,965 be allocated to various community groups as described in Appendix A;

b) That the recommendations of the Community Investment Grant Committee in the total amount of $204,070 be allocated to various local charitable and Not-For-Profit organizations (NFPs) as described in Appendix B;

c) That the term of the Community Investment Grants Advisory Committee consisting of Joleen Edmondson, Dustin Harford, Jessica Kuhlmorgen-Hille, Jean-Luc Plante, Pauline Sandys and Thomas Vaccaro be extended to April 30th, 2027;

d) That changes to the Community Grants Program be deferred to 2027 to allow for guidance from the Municipal Cultural Plan which is scheduled to be completed in November 2026, and

e) That an extension to the current funding agreement be granted to the Electric City Culture Council (EC3) for 2027 to also allow for guidance from the Municipal Cultural Plan on the role of an arts council in Peterborough.

Annual Drinking Water Summary Report, Report MOWAT26-002

That Council approve the recommendation outlined in Report MOWAT26-002, dated March 2, 2026, of the Commissioner, Municipal Operations as follows:

That the 2025 Drinking Water Summary Report for Municipalities be received for information.

PUC Financial Statements, Report FCSFS26-002

Moved by Mayor Leal

That Council approve the recommendations outlined in Report FCSFS26-002, dated March 2, 2026 of the Commissioner, Finance and Corporate Support Services as follows:

a) That Council receive the verbal presentation from the auditors, Baker Tilly KDN LLP about the Peterborough Utility Commission financial statements, and

b) That Council receive the post audit letters attached to this report in Appendices C and D, and

c) That Council approve the financial statements of the Peterborough Utilities Commission for the fiscal year ending December 31, 2024, and

d) That Council approve the financial statements of the Peterborough Utilities Commission for the period January 1 to March 31, 2025.

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

Carried (9 to 0)

Infrastructure, Planning and Growth Management

On-Street Parking Permit Pilot Studies and By-law Amendment, Report IPGACP26-010

Moved by Councillor Bierk

That staff consider; that Pilot Area #1 of the On-Street Parking Permit Pilot be extended north, to include a Zone 4: from Weller Street to McDonnel Street, including Murray Street, Hopkins Avenue, and the intervening residential streets;

And, that staff adjust permit eligibility and quantities accordingly within the pilot program.

For (3): Councillor Bierk, Councillor Crowley, and Councillor Vassiliadis

Against (6): Councillor Baldwin, Councillor Beamer, Chair, Councillor Duguay, Councillor Lachica, Mayor Leal, and Councillor Riel

Lost (3 to 6)

Moved by Councillor Lachica

That the results of the pilot project return to Council for consideration.

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

Carried (9 to 0)

Moved by Councillor Riel

That Council approve the following:

a) That Report IPGACP26-010 on the matter of the On-Street Parking Pilot Studies be received for information;

b) That By-laws be passed to amend the appropriate Schedules and Articles of By-law 09-136 (Parking By-law), as provided in Appendix B to this report;

c) That By-laws be passed to amend the appropriate Schedules and Articles of By-law 25-128 (User Fees), as provided in Appendix C to this report; and,

d) That the results of the pilot project return to Council for consideration.

For (7): Councillor Baldwin, Councillor Bierk, Councillor Crowley, Councillor Duguay, Councillor Lachica, Mayor Leal, and Councillor Riel

Against (2): Councillor Beamer, Chair, and Councillor Vassiliadis

Carried (7 to 2)

Notice of Motion

There were Notices of Motion.

Other Business

There were no items of Other Business.

Adjournment

Moved by Councillor Vassiliadis

That this meeting adjourn at 7:08 p.m.

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

Carried (9 to 0)

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John Kennedy

City Clerk

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Councillor Beamer

Chair