City Council Minutes

Council Chambers, City Hall

April 20, 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: Reem Ali, Advisor, Diversity, Equity and Inclusion
Brad Appleby, Director, Planning Development & Urban Design
Richard Freymond, Commissioner, Finance & Corporate Support Services
Natalie Garnett, Deputy City Clerk
Darryl Julott, Director, Economic Development
John Kennedy, City Clerk
Sheldon Laidman, Commissioner, Community Services
Jennifer McFarlane, Director, People and Culture
Blair Nelson, Commissioner, Infrastructure, Planning & Growth Management
David Potts, Commissioner, Legislative Services, City Solicitor
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.

Approval of Minutes

Moved by Councillor Beamer
Seconded by Councillor Vassiliadis

That the meeting minutes from February 23, 2026 and March 9, 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 on Zoning By-law Amendment for 349 Parkhill Road East, Report IPGPL26-023, and by-law 26-040, as the applicant is a client.

Registered Delegations

DEI Progress Update, Report CAOPC26-002

Denise McCracken, Showplace Performance Centre

Consent Items

Moved by Councillor Lachica
Seconded by Councillor Bierk

That items Report LSRS26-006 – Lands, Report LSRS26-008 - Proposed Land Acquisition, Report LSRS26-009 – Encroachment, Report LSRS26-011 - City Land, Report LSOCS26-013 – Donation, Report LSOCS26-015 – Donation, Report LSOCS26-014 – Litigation, Report CSSS26-005 – Plan, Budget Amendment and Award of RFQ-13-26 City Hall Generator Full Integration - Report FCSFPM26-013, Development Charge Reserve Funds 2025 Annual Report - Report FCSFS26-005, Extension of Sponsorship Agreement with The Bench Press - Report FCSCS26-001, Designation of 123 Simcoe Street - Report IPGPL26-018, Notice of Objection - 310-314 George Street North - Report IPGPL26-021, Development Charges for 280 Jameson Drive - IPGPL26-024, DEI Progress Update - Report CAOPC26-002, and Contract Extension for Selwyn Link Bus Service, Report MOTR26-001 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)

Report LSRS26-006 - Lands

a) That the property known municipally as 705 Sherbrooke Street be declared surplus and be sold at $410,000 to One City Community Development Services and the City provide a vendor take-back mortgage in the amount of $200,000 to secure the principal under the terms of the Affordable Housing Facility Agreement and to be fully forgivable at the end of the 20-year term subject to compliance with such terms.

b) That each of the Mayor, Clerk, Commissioner, Legislative Services and Manager Realty Services or any one or more of them, be authorized to execute such documents to give effect to the proposed transactions on terms acceptable to the said Commissioner and in forms acceptable to the City Solicitor.

Report LSRS26-008 - Proposed Land Acquisition

That Council approve the recommendation outlined in Report LSRS26-008, dated April 13, of the Commissioner, Legislative Services as follows:

That, respecting a proposed land acquisition, staff be directed to proceed as outlined in Closed Session Report LSRS26-008 dated April 13, 2026, of the Commissioner, Legislative Services.

Report LSRS26-009 - Encroachment

That Council approve the recommendation outlined in Report LSRS26-009, dated April 13, 2026, of the Commissioner, Legislative Services as follows:

That, respecting a proposed encroachment, staff be directed to proceed as outlined in Closed Session Report LSRS26-009 dated April 13, 2026, of the Commissioner, Legislative Services.

Report LSRS26-011 - City Land

That Council approve the recommendation outlined in Report LSRS26-011, dated April 13, 2026, of the Commissioner of Legislative Services as follows:

a) That the portion of City-owned lands adjoining 711 Chamberlain Street, as described in Appendix B to Report LSRS26-011, be declared surplus.

b) That the notice requirements as adopted in the City's Real Property Management Policy (0059) be waived.

c) That staff be authorized to proceed as outlined in Closed Session Report LSRS26-011 dated April 13, 2026, of the Commissioner, Legislative Services.

Report LSOCS26-013 - Donation

That Council approve the recommendation outlined in Report LSOCS26-013, dated April 13, 2026 of the City Solicitor as follows:

That staff be directed to proceed as outlined in Closed Session Report LSOCS26-013 dated April 13, 2026 of the City Solicitor respecting Estate Donation.

Report LSOCS26-015 - Donation

That Council approve the recommendation outlined in Report LSOCS26-015 dated April 13, 2026 of the City Solicitor as follows:

That staff be directed to proceed as outlined in Closed Session Report LSOCS26-015 dated April 13, 2026 of the City Solicitor respecting Second Estate Donation.

Report LSOCS26-014 - Litigation

That Council approve the recommendation outlined in Report LSOCS26-014, dated April 13, 2026 of the City Solicitor as follows:

That staff be directed to proceed as outlined in Closed Session Report LSOCS26-014 dated April 13, 2026 of the City Solicitor respecting Tax Exemption Application.

Report CSSS26-005 - Plan

That Council approve the recommendation outlined in Report CSSS26-005, dated April 13, 2026 of the Commissioner of Community Services as follows:

That staff be authorized to proceed as outlined in Closed Session Report CSSS26-005 dated April 13, 2026 of the Commissioner, Community Services.

Budget Amendment and Award of RFQ-13-26 City Hall Generator Full Integration, Report FCSFPM26-013

That Council approves the recommendations outlined in Report FCSFPM26-013, dated April 13, 2026, of the Commissioner, Finance and Corporate Support Services as follows:

a) That the City Hall Generator Full Integration Capital Budget be amended from $100,000 to $135,000 through an additional transfer of $35,000 funds from the City's General Contingency; and

b) That RFQ-13-26 for City Hall Generator Full Integration be awarded to Barry Electrical Contractor Inc., 1003 Monaghan Road, Peterborough, Ontario, K9J 5K8 at a cost of $108,410 plus HST of $14,094 for a total cost of $122,504.

Development Charge Reserve Funds 2025 Annual Report, Report FCSFS26-005

That Council approve the recommendations outlined in Report FCSFS26-005, dated April 13, 2026, of the Commissioner of Finance and Corporate Support Services as follows:

a) That the Development Charge Reserve Funds – 2025 Annual Report for the City of Peterborough, as presented in Report FCSFS26-005, be received for information; and

b) That the Water Development Charges Report for the year ended December 31, 2025, appended to Report FCSFS26-005 as Appendix B, be received for information.

Extension of Sponsorship Agreement with The Bench Press, Report FCSCS26-001

That Council approve the recommendation outlined in Report FCSCS26-001, dated April 13, 2026, of the Commissioner of Finance and Corporate Support Services as follows:

That the current Street Furniture Sponsorship Agreement between the City and Bench Press be amended to reflect a new 10-year term, to begin effective May 1, 2026.

Designation of 123 Simcoe Street, Report IPGPL26-018

That Council approve the recommendations outlined in Report IPGPL26-018, dated April 13, 2026, 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 123 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 to designate the property at 123 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 123 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).

Notice of Objection - 310-314 George Street North, Report IPGPL26-021

That Council approve the recommendations outlined in Report IPGPL26-021, dated April 13, 2026, of the Commissioner, Infrastructure, Planning and Growth Management, as follows:

a) That the Notice of Objection to the intention to designate 310-314 George Street North be acknowledged; and

b) That Council, in consideration of the objection pursuant to Section 29(6) of the Ontario Heritage Act, proceed with the designation of 310-314 George Street North.

Development Charges for 280 Jameson Drive, IPGPL26-024

That Council approve the recommendation outlined in Report IPGPL26-024, dated April 13, 2026, of the Commissioner of Infrastructure, Planning and Growth Management and the Commissioner of Finance & Corporate Support Services as follows:

That Report IPGPL26-024 be received for information.

DEI Progress Update, Report CAOPC26-002

That Council approves the recommendations outlined in Report CAOPC26-002, dated April 13, 2026 of the Director, People & Culture as follows:

a) That the proposed plan for DEI and anti-racism training for all Members of Council and City staff as outlined in this report be received for information;

b) That Council endorses the Inclusion Framework and Outcomes, attached as Appendix A, as the key approach for implementing and measuring DEI work at the City, and direct staff to support and report on this work; and,

c) That Council approve the proposed amendments to the Council Code of Conduct as outlined in this report, in addition to Report LSCLK26-011 (attached).

Contract Extension for Selwyn Link Bus Service, Report MOTR26-001

That Council approve the recommendation outlined in Report MOTR26-001 dated April 13, 2026 of the Commissioner Municipal Operations as follows:

That the Mayor and Clerk be authorized to execute documents between the City and Selwyn Township for the continued operation of the pilot transit service within Selwyn Township for an additional thirteen months, expiring April 30, 2027, on terms acceptable to the said Commissioner and in forms acceptable to the City Solicitor.

Zoning By-law Amendment for 349 Parkhill Road East, Report IPGPL26-023

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

Moved by Councillor Vassiliadis
Seconded by Councillor Beamer

That Council approve the following:

a) That Section 3.9, Exception Number 340 of the Zoning By-law 1997-123, be amended to establish site specific regulations for the property known as 349 Parkhill Road East, in accordance with the Draft Zoning By-law Amendment attached as Appendix D of Report IPGPL26-023;

b) That the subject property be rezoned in accordance with the draft Zoning By-law amendment attached as Appendix D to report IPGPL26-023.; and,

c) That through the site plan approval process, the Developer only be required to construct the concrete walkway described in Report IPGPL26-023 across the frontage of 349 Parkhill Road East.

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)

Recommendations from the General Committee Meeting of April 20, 2026

Motion from April 20, 2026 Closed Session - Bargaining

Moved by Councillor Beamer
Seconded by Councillor Haacke

That Council approve the recommendation outlined in Report CAOPC26-003, dated April 20, 2026 of the Chief Administrative Officer as follows:

That Council direct staff to proceed as recommended in Closed Session Report CAOPC26-003 dated April 20, 2026, of the Chief Administrative Officer respecting the collective bargaining process.

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)

Motion from April 20, 2026 Closed Session - Legal Advice

Moved by Councillor Beamer
Seconded by Councillor Haacke

That Council approve the recommendation outlined in Report LSOCS26-016 dated April 20, 2026 of the City Solicitor as follows:

That Closed Session Report LSOCS26-016 dated April 20, 2026 of the City Solicitor respecting Council as Adjudicative Body 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)

Approval of By-laws

Moved by Councillor Vassiliadis
Seconded by Councillor Baldwin

That By-law 26-007, 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 (310-314 George Street North), 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)

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

Moved by Councillor Crowley
Seconded by Councillor Vassiliadis

That by-law 26-040, Being a By-law to amend the Zoning By-law for the lands municipally known as 349 Parkhill Road East, be approved.

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)

Other Business

Moved by Councillor Bierk
Seconded by Councillor Lachica

That Council approve the recommendations outlined in Report IPGPL26-019, dated April 13, 2026, 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 172-174 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 to designate the property at 172-173 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 172-174 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).

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

Against (5): Councillor Beamer, Councillor Crowley, Councillor Duguay, Councillor Haacke, and Councillor Vassiliadis

Carried (6 to 5)

Confirmation By-law

Moved by Councillor Parnell
Seconded by Councillor Duguay

That By-law 26-041 Being a By-law to confirm the proceedings of the Council at its meeting held on 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)

Adjournment

Moved by Councillor Vassiliadis
Seconded by Councillor Baldwin

That this meeting be adjourned at 6:25 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