General Committee Minutes

Council Chambers, City Hall

November 17 and 18, 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: Reem Ali, Advisor, Diversity Equity and Inclusion (November 17, 2025)
Brad Appleby, Director, Planning, Development and Urban Design
Cassandra Babcock, Director, Public Works Operations (November 18, 2025)
Gillian Barnes, Director, Facilities and Property Management (November 17, 2025)
Ian Boland, Manager, Water Resource Systems
Kyle Bruce, Manager, Airport Administration (November 18, 2025)
Joe Crooks, Acting Director, Cultural Services (November 18, 2025)
Lorne Dainard, Director, Environmental Services (November 18, 2025)
Scott Elliott, Manager, Corporate Sponsorship Program (November 17, 2025)
Richard Freymond, Commissioner, Finance and Corporate Support Services
Natalie Garnett, Deputy City Clerk
Greg Giles, Director, Engineering and Capital Works (November 17, 2025)
Darryl Julott, Director, Economic Development
Chris Kawalec, Manager, Community Development Program (November 18, 2025)
John Kennedy, City Clerk
Sheldon Laidman, Commissioner, Community Services
Dan Lukes, Financial Reporting Analyst
Peter Malin, Manager, Traffic and Parking Services (November 18, 2025)
Rob McAulay, Director, Recreation Services (November 18, 2025)
Jennifer McFarlane, Director, People and Culture
Ailan Mckenzie, Senior, Project Manager (November 17, 2025)
Dylan Middleton, Director, Municipal Law Enforcement (November 17, 2025)
Rebecca Morgan-Quin, Director, Social Services (November 18, 2025)

Blair Nelson, Commissioner, Infrastructure, Planning & Growth Management
Yvette Peplinskie, Director, Financial Services
David Potts, Commissioner, Legislative Services, City Solicitor
Jasbir Raina, Chief Administrative Officer
Sriram Ramen, Manager, Government Relations
Carrie Rucska, Director, Information Technology (November 17, 2025)
Ilmar Simanovskis, Director, Municipal Operations
Chris Snetsinger, Fire Chief (November 18, 2025)
Barry Wakeford, Director, Transit Services (November 18, 2025)
Brendan Wedley, Director, Strategic Communications & Service Peterborough

Call to Order

The meeting was called to order on November 17th, 2025, at 9:05 a.m.

Disclosure of Pecuniary Interest

Councillor Duguay declared a conflict with the Transit garage, pg. 49, as he owns property in proximity. Councillor Duguay also declared a conflict on pg. 96, Robinson Street improvements as he has had involvement with this property.

Councillor Crowley declared a conflict with the AmeriCredit matter, on pg. 255, as it is his employer. Councillor Crowley also declared a conflict regarding ODSP on pg. 271, as he has a family member who receives payments.

Councillor Haacke declared a conflict with the Sexual Assault Centre, as a family member is employed by the organization.

Presentation - 9:00 a.m.

Peterborough County/City Paramedics Service 2026 Budget, Report FCSFS25-029

Moved by Councillor Crowley

That Council approve the recommendation outlined in Report FCSFS25-029, dated November 17, 2025, of the Commissioner, Finance & Corporate Support Services as follows:

That the presentation and budget details presented to the November 17, 2025, General Committee by the Peterborough County/City Paramedics Service for the 2026 Budget be received for information.

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)

Committee Reports

2026 Draft Budget, Report FCSFS25-035

Moved by Councillor Vassiliadis

That Council approve the recommendation outlined in Report FCSFS25-035, dated November 17, 2025, of the Chief Administrative Officer and Commissioner, Finance and Corporate Support Services as follows:

That the recommendations contained in Appendix A of Report FCSFS25-035 of the Chief Administrative Officer and Commissioner of Finance and Corporate Support Services be moved for the purpose of discussion during detailed budget reviews by the General Committee starting November 17, 2025.

That the following recommendations be moved for the purpose of discussion:

a) That the 2026 Draft Budget, and all estimated revenues and expenditures, fees, contributions to reserve and reserve funds, and proposed staffing levels referenced in the documents be adopted.

b) That the user fees and charges as set out in the Budget Book be adopted as part of 2026 Budget process.

c) That any unused CAO Administration Budget at the end of 2026 be transferred to the Organizational Development Reserve, subject to the overall year-end position. (Page 33)

d) That in consideration of the Police Stations Renovation and Expansion project, #20-109, the 2028 budget of $25.4 million be pre-committed with approval of the 2026 budget. (page 51)

e) That in consideration of the Transit Garage Replacement project, #17-148, the 2027 and 2028 budgets totaling $35,562,000 including $26,077,600 grant funding and $9,484,400 municipal funding, be pre-committed with approval of the 2026 budget. (page 54)

f) That any unused Information Technology budget, at the end of 2026, be transferred to the Information Technology (IT) Reserve, subject to the overall year-end position and that, if actual costs exceed the 2026 Budget, funds may be drawn from the IT Reserve. (Page 62)

g) That the 2025 pre-approved budget for the Elections Software & IT Requirements project, # 25-076, be amended by swapping Reserve funds by removing the $325,000 transfer from the Elections Reserve and replacing with a $325,000 transfer from the Capital Levy Reserve. (page 65)

h) That any 2026 Engineering Overhead surplus be transferred to the Engineering Design and Inspection Reserve, subject to the overall year-end position and that if actual Engineering costs exceed the 2026 Budget, funds may be drawn from the Engineering Design and Inspection Reserve. (Page 89)

i) That any unused Traffic Signal Maintenance Budget at the end of 2026, be transferred to the Traffic Signal Reserve, subject to the overall year-end position and that if the actual Traffic Signal Maintenance costs exceed the 2026 Budget, funds may be drawn from the Traffic Signal Reserve. (Page 89)

j) That the 2027 Budget of $2.9 million for the Lansdowne Street West – Spillsbury Drive to Clonsilla Avenue project, #16-061, be pre-committed with approval of the 2026 budget. (Page 95)

k) That the 2026 Budget pre-commitment of $1,993,500 for the Towerhill Road and Fairbairn Street Intersection project, #26-066, be deferred for 1 year and pre-committed against the 2027 Capital budget. (Page 95)

l) That the 2026 Budget pre-commitment of $2.66 million for the Otonabee River Trail – Del Crary Park to Little Lake Cemetery project, #12811, be deferred for 1 year and pre-committed against the 2027 Capital budget. (Page 105)

m) That any unused Parking Budget at the end of 2026 be transferred to the Parking Reserve, subject to the overall year-end position and that, if the actual Parking costs exceed the 2026 Budget, funds may be drawn from the Parking Reserve. (Page 113)

n) That any unused Physician recruitment budget at the end of 2026 be transferred to the Physician Recruitment Reserve, subject to the overall year-end position. (Page 136)

o) That the 2027 budget of $300,000 for the Carnegie West Growth Area – Planning Studies project, #12844, be pre-committed for the 2027 budget with the approval of the 2026 budget of the project. (Page 147)

p) That the 2027 budget of $407,081 for the Chemong West Growth Area – Planning Studies project, #23-031, be pre-committed for the 2027 budget with the approval of the 2026 budget of the project. (Page 147)

q) That the 2027 budget of $375,000 for the Coldsprings Growth Area – Planning Studies project, #17-053, be pre-committed for the 2027 budget with the approval of the 2026 budget of the project. (Page 147)

r) That any unused Winter Control Budget at the end of 2026 be transferred to the Winter Control Reserve, subject to the overall year-end position, and that if actual Winter Control costs exceed the 2026 Budget, funds may be drawn from the Winter Control Reserve. (Page 162)

s) That the water rate increase of 3.5% included in the 2026 Operating and Capital budget be approved. (Page 188)

t) That any surplus in Water Services at the end of 2026 be transferred to the Water Treatment Plant reserve, subject to the overall year-end position, and that if actual Water Services costs exceed the 2026 Budget, funds may be drawn from the Water Treatment Plant Reserve. (Page 188)

u) That any excess Airport development review fees at the end of 2026 be transferred to the Airport Development Review Reserve for future Airport Development related expenditures and that, if the 2026 Airport development review costs exceed the review fees, funds may be drawn from the Airport Development Review Reserve. (Page 195)

v) That any surplus funds at the end of 2026 for Market Hall be transferred to the Market Hall Capital Reserve for unanticipated maintenance expenses or small capital improvements. (Page 205)

w) That any unused Community Development Program net budget at the end of 2026 be transferred to the Social Services Community Social Plan Joint Reserve for future program development, subject to the overall year-end position and that, if actual Community Development Program costs exceed the 2026 Budget, funds may be drawn from the Reserve. (Page 205)

x) That any surplus funds at the end of 2026 for the Recreation, Parks and Cultural Services division be transferred to the General Recreation Reserve, subject to the overall year end position and that, if actual Recreation, Parks and Cultural Services costs exceed the 2026 Budget, funds may be drawn from the Reserve. (Page 210)

y) That if actual Riverview Park & Zoo costs exceed the 2026 Budget, costs be funded from the Water Treatment Plant Reserve, subject to the year-end position. (Page 210)

z) That any remaining unused Children's Services net budget at the end of 2026 be transferred to the Early Learning Child Development Reserve, subject to the overall year end position and that, if actual Children's Services costs exceed the 2026 Budget, funds may be drawn from the Reserve. (Page 242)

aa) That any remaining unused Social Assistance net budget at the end of 2026 be transferred to the General Assistance Reserve, subject to the overall year-end position and that, if actual Social Assistance costs exceed the 2026 Budget, funds may be drawn from the Reserve. (Page 242)

bb) That any surplus in the Housing Operating Budget at the end of 2026 be transferred to the Housing Reserve, subject to the overall year end position and that, if actual Housing costs exceed the 2026 Budget, funds may be drawn from the Housing Reserve. (Page 242)

cc) That any surplus in the Housing Choice Rent Supplement Program at the end of 2026 be transferred to the Housing Choice Rent Supplement Reserve, subject to the overall year-end position and that, if actual Rent Supplement costs exceed the 2026 Budget, funds may be drawn from the Rent Supplement Reserve. (Page 242)

dd) That any unused Homelessness net budget at the end of 2026 be transferred to the General Assistance Reserve, to be used for future investment in homelessness prevention programs, subject to the overall year-end position and

that, if actual Homelessness costs exceed the 2026 Budget, funds may be drawn from the Reserve. (Page 242)

ee) That any adjustment to the City's 2026 requirement for the Municipal Property Assessment Corporation (MPAC), be netted against the City's 2026 General Contingency provision. (Page 253)

ff) That any unused portion of the 2026 tax write off account balance that may exist at year-end be transferred to the Allowance for Doubtful Accounts Reserve, subject to overall year-end position and that, if actual tax write-off costs exceed the 2026 Budget, funds may be drawn from the Allowance for Doubtful Accounts Reserve. (Page 253)

gg) That any unused Employee Benefits Budget at the end of 2026 be transferred to the Employee Benefits Reserve, subject to the overall year-end position, and that, if actual employee benefits exceed the 2026 Budget, funds may be drawn from the Employee Benefits Reserve. (Page 256)

hh) That any unused Insurance Budget at the end of 2026 be transferred to the Insurance Reserve, subject to the overall year-end position and that. (Page 256)

ii) That any adjustment to the City's 2026 requirement for the Insurance Budget, be netted against the City's Insurance Reserve (Page 256)

jj) That any unused 2026 Contingency Budget at the end of 2026 be transferred to the Capital Levy Reserve to be used for Capital works subject to the overall 2026 year-end position. (Page 256)

kk) That any adjustments to the City's portion of Fairhaven's 2026 Budget be netted against the City's 2026 General Contingency provision. (Page 265)

ll) That any unused Peterborough County/City Paramedics Services (PCCP) Budget at the end of 2026 be transferred to the PCCP Reserve, subject to the overall year-end position and that, if the actual PCCP costs exceed the 2026 Budget, funds may be drawn from the PCCP Reserve. (Page 266)

mm) That any adjustments to the City's portion of ORCA's 2026 Budget be netted against the City's 2026 General Contingency provision. (Page 267)

nn) That any adjustments to the City's portion of Lakelands Public Health's 2026 Budget be netted against the City's 2026 General Contingency provision. (page 268)

oo) That the 2026 budget request, representing the levy required by the Downtown Business Improvement Area of the Corporation of the City of Peterborough during the year 2026 totalling $362,045, be approved. (Page 273)

pp) That the 2026 budget for the Village Business Improvement Area of the Corporation of the City of Peterborough during the year 2026 totalling $19,200, be approved. (Page 274)

qq) That any excess Casino Gaming revenues at the end of 2026, that exceed the capital funding requirements to be funded from the Casino Gaming Reserve:

i. remain in the reserve, to a maximum of $1.0 million, to be used to finance in-year Capital requirements or as otherwise directed by Council and that

ii. amounts beyond the $1.0 million will be used for Capital works in the 2026 Capital Budget. (Page 276)

rr) That any net surplus funds, after the disposition of the recommendations in this report, from 2026 operations in excess of $100,000 be transferred to the Capital Levy Reserve to be used for Capital works. (Page 277)

ss) That a by-law be passed to establish the 2026 tax ratios for each property class as set out in the 2026 Operating Budget. (Page 282)

tt) That the 2026 tax rate for farmland awaiting development subclasses be 75% of the residential rate. (Page 282)

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)

Committee recessed at 10:34 a.m. and reconvened at 10:50 a.m.

Police Stations Renovations and Expansion Budget Updates, Report FCSFPM25-065

The Chair separated the motion for voting purposes.

Moved by Councillor Bierk

That Report FCSFPM25-065 be referred back to staff, and that staff report back to Council with the following:
1. A revised project plan that includes an alternative scenario capped at a total project budget of no more than $75 million, outlining what scope, design, phasing, or program changes would be required to meet that cap;

For (5): Councillor Beamer, Chair, Councillor Bierk, Councillor Crowley, Councillor Lachica, and Councillor Riel

Against (6): Councillor Baldwin, Councillor Duguay, Councillor Haacke, Mayor Leal, Councillor Parnell, and Councillor Vassiliadis

Lost (5 to 6)

Moved by Councillor Bierk

2. A budget breakdown that isolates and presents only the costs associated with the Police Facilities at 500 Water Street and the police-dedicated portion of 1421

Lansdowne Street West, explicitly excluding any costs related to Civic Administration or future redevelopment;

For (5): Councillor Bierk, Councillor Crowley, Councillor Haacke, Councillor Lachica, and Councillor Riel

Against (6): Councillor Baldwin, Councillor Beamer, Chair, Councillor Duguay, Mayor Leal, Councillor Parnell, and Councillor Vassiliadis

Lost (5 to 6)

Moved by Councillor Bierk

3. Written confirmation that no decision regarding the relocation of City Hall or Civic Administration functions to 1421 Lansdowne Street West is contained within this report or its recommendations, and that any such proposal would require a separate report, full costing, public engagement, and a standalone Council decision.

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

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

Lost (4 to 7)

Moved by Councillor Lachica

That Council approve the recommendation outlined in Report FCSFPM25-065, dated November 17, 2025, of the Commissioner, Finance and Corporate Support Services as follows:

That Report FCSFPM25-065 be received for information.

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)

The Chair recessed the meeting at 11:50 a.m. and Committee reconvened at 12:24 p.m.

Moved by Councillor Bierk

That the Park Washroom Replacement Buildings, Ref. # 15110, in the amount of $900,000 be deferred to the 2027 budget. (pg 49)

For (9): Councillor Baldwin, Councillor Bierk, Councillor Crowley, Councillor Duguay, Councillor Haacke, Councillor Lachica, Councillor Parnell, Councillor Riel, and Councillor Vassiliadis

Against (2): Councillor Beamer, Chair, and Mayor Leal

Carried (9 to 2)

Moved by Councillor Baldwin

That the Ashburnham Memorial Park be given priority for the next round of park improvements.

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)

Moved by Councillor Bierk

That the vehicle purchase for MLES on page 78 be deferred to 2027.

For (2): Councillor Bierk, and Councillor Lachica

Against (9): Councillor Baldwin, Councillor Beamer, Chair, Councillor Crowley, Councillor Duguay, Councillor Haacke, Mayor Leal, Councillor Parnell, Councillor Riel, and Councillor Vassiliadis

Lost (2 to 9)

Road Service Area – Capital Program Funding Update, Report IPGACP25-029

Moved by Councillor Duguay

That Council approve the recommendation outlined in Report IPGACP25-029, dated November 17, 2025, of the Commissioner of Infrastructure, Planning and Growth Management as follows:

That Report IPGACP25-029 be received for information.

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)

Moved by Councillor Duguay

That a preferred option for a pedestrian crossing involving the Crawford Trail Extension Project – Monaghan Road to Townsend, Ref. # 19-083 (page 102), be at the signalized intersection of Monaghan Road and Lansdowne Street.

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)

Neighbourhood Traffic Calming Program Implementation, Report IPGENG25-029

Moved by Councillor Parnell

That Council approve the recommendation outlined in Report IPGENG25-029, dated November 17, 2025, of the Commissioner of Infrastructure, Planning and Growth Management as follows:

That the report be received for information.

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)

Implementation of Traffic Calming, Permanent Measures, Report IPGENG25-030

Moved by Councillor Parnell

That Council approve the recommendation outlined in Report IPGENG25-030, dated November 17, 2025, of the Commissioner of Infrastructure, Planning and Growth Management as follows:

That the report be received for information.

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)

Committee recessed at 3:00 p.m. and reconvened at 3:21 p.m.

Moved by Councillor Lachica

That the Penthouse Renovation Project, Ref. # 26-022 (page 127), $25,000, be deferred to 2027.

For (8): Councillor Baldwin, Councillor Beamer, Chair, Councillor Bierk, Councillor Crowley, Councillor Duguay, Councillor Lachica, Councillor Parnell, and Councillor Riel

Against (3): Councillor Haacke, Mayor Leal, and Councillor Vassiliadis

Carried (8 to 3)

Moved by Councillor Duguay

That the budget for the Central Area CIP Implementation Program, Ref. # 13812 (page 141), be reduced from $1.2M to $1.0M for 2026.

For (4): Councillor Baldwin, Councillor Beamer, Chair, Councillor Crowley, and Councillor Duguay

Against (7): Councillor Bierk, Councillor Haacke, Councillor Lachica, Mayor Leal, Councillor Parnell, Councillor Riel, and Councillor Vassiliadis

Lost (4 to 7)

Moved by Councillor Duguay

That the $375,000 budget for the Coldsprings Growth Area - Planning Studies, Ref #17-053 (pg 145), be deferred to 2027.

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)

Committee recessed at 4:56 p.m.

The meeting was reconvened at 9:07 a.m. on November 18, 2025

Committee Reports

Extension of the County/City Waste Management Facility Hours of Operation, Report MOENV25-017

Moved by Councillor Vassiliadis

That Council approve the recommendation outlined in Report MOENV25-017, November 17, 2025, of the Commissioner of Municipal Operations as follows:

That the operation hours of the County/City Waste Management Facility not be extended.

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)

Councillor Duguay left the meeting at 9:59 a.m.

Committee recessed at 10:35 and reconvened at 10:54 a.m.

2026 Budget

Moved by Councillor Bierk

That the 2026 draft budget and net tax levy requirement as presented in the 2026 Staff Recommended Draft Budget Book be amended as follows:

i. Update the current value assessments on page 281 of the 2026 Budget Book to incorporate the final assessments received from MPAC for the 2026 taxation year resulting in a reduction of the net tax levy requirement of $204,477;

ii. Update the Ontario Municipal Partnership Fund (OMPF) Grant on page 275 of the 2026 Budget Book to $627,700 resulting in a reduction of the net tax levy requirement of $268,900;

iii. Update the employee extended health benefit premiums included in the 2026 Budget Book resulting in a reduction of the net tax levy of $665,000, including $220,000 to the Police Services and $445,000 other City divisions;

iv. Update the Community Development Program revenue found on page 203 of the 2026 Budget Book as a result of correspondence received from the County of Peterborough resulting in an increase of the net tax levy of $90,137 in 2026.

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

Absent(1): Councillor Duguay

Carried (10 to 0)

Councillor Duguay returned at 11:07 a.m.

Moved by Councillor Baldwin

That staff be directed to bring forward a report for the 2027 budget to explore parking and other revenue generating opportunities at the Riverview Park and Zoo.

For (6): Councillor Baldwin, Councillor Beamer, Chair, Councillor Haacke, Mayor Leal, Councillor Parnell, and Councillor Riel

Against (5): Councillor Bierk, Councillor Crowley, Councillor Duguay, Councillor Lachica, and Councillor Vassiliadis

Carried (6 to 5)

EC3 Funding Update, Report CSD25-009

Moved by Councillor Bierk

That the Community Service Agreement (CSA) with EC3 be extended for one year covering the period of January 1, 2026, to December 31, 2026.

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)

Moved by Councillor Bierk

Be it resolved that Council approve the recommendation outlined in Report CSD25-009 to extend the Community Service Agreement with EC3 for one year, covering the period of January 1 to December 31, 2026, including the $100, 000 allocation in the Draft 2026 Community Services Administration Budget and the $50,000 allocation in the Draft Cultural Services Operating Budget for Artsweek and the Grants to Individual Artists program; and

Be it further resolved that an additional $25,000 be added to the Cultural Services Operating Budget to restore the Grants to Individual Artists program to $50,000.

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

Against (1): Councillor Beamer, Chair

Carried (10 to 1)

Rental Stage Insurance, Report CSRPCS25-007

Moved by Councillor Bierk

That Council approve the recommendation outlined in Report CSRPCS25-007, dated November 17, 2025, of the Commissioner of Community Services as follows:

That Report CSPRCS25-007 be received for information.

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)

Committee recessed at 11:58 a.m. and reconvened at 12:57 p.m.

Councillor Duguay left the meeting at 12:57 p.m. and returned at 1:21 p.m.

Library Board Collections, Report CSD25-010

Moved by Councillor Crowley

That the 2026 Draft Operating Budget be amended to restore funding for the Library Collections line by providing $32,000 dollars in 2026 (from the net tax levy), with the remaining amount of the reduction to be fully restored in the 2027 budget.

For (1): Councillor Crowley

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

Lost (1 to 10)

Moved by Councillor Crowley

That the 2026 Capital Budget be amended to restore funding for the Library Collections line by providing $32,000 dollars in 2026 (from the Library Materials Acquisition Reserve pg. 231), with the remaining amount of the reduction to be fully restored in the 2027 budget.

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)

Moved by Councillor Bierk

That the Contingency Budget be capped at $1,000,000 (pg 254).

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

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

Lost (4 to 7)

Moved by Councillor Bierk

That the Municipal Accommodation Tax be increased from 4% to 5% (pg 255).

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

Against (8): Councillor Baldwin, Councillor Beamer, Chair, Councillor Duguay, Councillor Haacke, Mayor Leal, Councillor Parnell, Councillor Riel, and Councillor Vassiliadis

Lost (3 to 8)

Moved by Councillor Riel

That be Police Services budget be reduced to 7 per cent (page 257).

For (4): Councillor Beamer, Chair, Councillor Bierk, Councillor Lachica, and Councillor Riel

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

Lost (4 to 7)

Moved by Councillor Bierk

That the Police Service budget be returned to the Police Service Board for potential reductions.

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

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

Carried (6 to 5)

Committee recessed at 2:50 p.m. and reconvened at 3:05 p.m.

Moved by Councillor Haacke

That Council direct staff to move $3,000,000 from the Legacy Fund Reserve (page 275) to reduce the net tax levy.

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)

Moved by Councillor Bierk

That the budget for the Transit Garage Replacement project on page 49 be approved.

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

Conflict (1): Councillor Duguay

Carried (10 to 0)

Moved by Councillor Duguay

That the budget for AmeriCredit on pg. 255 be approved.

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

Conflict (1): Councillor Crowley

Carried (10 to 0)

Moved by Councillor Duguay

That the funding for Kawartha Sexual Assault Centre in the amount of $15,000. be approved.

For (10): Councillor Baldwin, Councillor Beamer, Chair, 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)

Moved by Councillor Bierk

That the budget for ODSP in Social Services be approved

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

Conflict (1): Councillor Crowley

Carried (10 to 0)

2026 Draft Budget, Report FCSFS25-035

The motion moved by Councillor Vassiliadis regarding the 2026 Draft Budget, Report FCSFS25-035 on November 17, 2025, was voted on and carried.

Notice of Motion

There was no Notice of Motion.

Other Business

There were no items of Other Business.

Adjournment

Moved by Councillor Duguay

That the meeting be adjourned at 3:57 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